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OAG sues vs legislative pay hike

The Office of Attorney General filed a lawsuit yesterday against the salary increases for members of the Legislature, the lieutenant governor, and the governor.

A statement from the Office of the Governor said: "The administration respects the Judiciary and judicial process. We will be reviewing the documents in the coming days once we received the copy of the lawsuit."

The increase effectively provides a nearly 80-percent pay hike for elected officials. In contrast, the same law provides just a 5-percent salary increase for government employees covered by civil service.

Government employees have already gotten and received their increases. The pay hike for elected officials is on hold as a funding source has yet to be identified.

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The Hong Kong-based investor Imperial Pacific International, Ltd. is building its flagship Imperial Pacific Resort and Hotel in Garapan.

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IPI releases \$4.5M employee bonus

The Hong Kong-based investment giant Imperial Pacific International, Ltd., which is building a casino in Garapan, has released about \$4.5 million in discretionary bonuses to all its employees.

In a statement yesterday, the company said the bonus reaffirms its commitment "to providing a con-

ducive and rewarding work environment to all employees."

"Imperial Pacific International acknowledges that the past two years of its Saipan business operation has been a journey of collaboration and partnership with various stakeholders. In particular, Imperial Pacific's em-

ployees are the front-liners who continue to push and develop the company's vision of building a culture of innovation and pioneering leading-edge concepts in entertainment and tourism in the CNMI," the statement adds.

Imperial Pacific International said it released the bonuses to all eligible

employees in January.

"Imperial Pacific is now counting down to open its doors to the world as its flagship Saipan investment, Imperial Pacific Resort and Hotel, is expected to usher in the much-anticipated entry of the Northern Mariana Islands into the global list of top travel destinations offering world-class entertainment and travel experiences," the statement added. (PR)

'Several factors behind CHC struggles'

By ERWIN ENCINARES
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The Commonwealth Health Center is struggling not just because of the difficulty of addressing about 50,000 people's health issues in a facility built to serve a population of less than 20,000, but more of a collection of challenges that have piled up.

Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muña told *Saipan Tribune* that a lot of factors contribute to the worries of CHC.

One of its biggest problems is the lack of manpower, according to Muña.

"We want to make sure that there is a nurse there that would be able to take care [of the patient]. When we are transferring custody of the patient from the emergency room to the medical wards, we want to make sure that we have nurses available. That means we need to make some calls to make sure [we have the manpower]," she said.

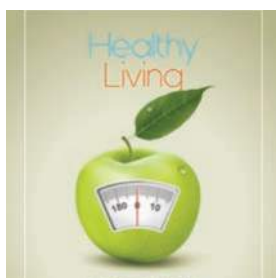
That sometimes results in calling nurses to go to work earlier than expected.

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Muña

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Admin to start paying settlements, judgments

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The administration would soon start paying some settlement claims and other judgments after Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed yesterday a bill that allocates funds for this purpose.

House Bill 19-213, introduced by former representative Antonio P. Sablan, is now Public Law 19-87.

It is the last legislative measure from the 19th Legislature that Torres signed before he left for Tokyo late in the afternoon for an official trip.

PL 19-87 sets aside \$9 million from the \$40.97 million supplemental budget last year. The administration had said they had agreed to settle six of the highest claims that have not been paid since 1996.

Six million dollars would pay judgments while \$3 million is for land compensations certified by the Department of Public Lands.

The administration added

the \$9 million appropriated to settle the claims were long-standing obligations inherited from previous governments.

Maria Mangabao's heirs will be getting \$3 million out of the \$6 million or 16 percent of the \$18,498,088.01 total judgment, while *Manglona vs. CNMI* will be getting \$900,000.

The Rogolifo's heirs in civil case 05-0197 will get \$700,000 or 26 percent of \$2,690,020.07. *Lizama vs. DPL* (Civ. No. 08-149) and *Tano Group vs. Department of Public Works* (Civ. No. 05-0100) will be getting \$500,000 each while \$400,000 or 70.3 percent of the \$568,966.82 will go to the *Estate of Muna vs. CNMI* (Civ. No. 96-0796).

The Mangabao and Rogolifo heirs, estate of Muna, and Lizama vs. DPL are settlement cases that are related to land compensation judgments.

The government owes \$24,542,165.46 in total land compensation judgment plus interest.

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NMC gym is last major facility to be repaired

The gymnasium of the Northern Marianas College has yet to be repaired since its roof was blown off by Typhoon Soudelor in August 2015.

According to a statement by NMC officials, NMC has already engaged the services of Taniguchi Ruth Makio Architects for the renovation of the NMC gym.

NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez told *Saipan Tribune* that, along with the repair of classrooms so as to continue classes as soon as possible, the gym's repair remains one of her top priorities.

The repair was delayed due to issues such as the remoteness of Saipan, which affects the abundance of materials.

"The renovation and repair of the NMC gym is one of my key priorities ever since becoming NMC president four months ago," said Fernandez.

"Our plan is to expand the gym so that we can accommodate more activities like our graduation and large-scale community events. Our students should look forward to a completed facility within a year," she added.

Fernandez said NMC was able to prioritize the repair of classrooms,

the bookstore, and the cafeteria using funds provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the CNMI government.

According to NMC, the estimated cost to repair the gym is about \$4.6 million.

Fernandez is also looking to add various amenities to the campus that comply with the Leadership in Energy

and Environmental Design, or LEED.

LEED is an eco-friendly building certification that recognizes exceptional building strategies and practices.

Typhoon Soudelor ripped about half of the gym's roof, damaging even the equipment stored inside.

Although the gym was heavily damaged, Fernandez confirmed that physical education classes are still

offered for the 2017 spring semester.

Some students of NMC find it inconvenient that the gym has yet to be repaired. One student claims the weather affects his classes as they engage in team sports, an occurrence that could otherwise be prevented if they were in a gym.

"We have to put up a net every class period outside and cancel if it rains," said a student.

The college sustained substantial damage from Typhoon Soude-

lor last August 2015. The storm brought winds of up to 200 mph and tore through the campus, ripping roofs off, destroying electrical equipment, flooding classrooms, and uprooting trees.

Soudelor damaged 19 of 25 buildings and left several of them unusable, causing whole departments to relocate to off-campus facilities. The typhoon even pushed NMC to postpone the whole semester—a first in its history. **(Erwin Encinares)**

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Torres sets official trips this month

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres will be having two official trips this month. Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog is in an acting capacity since yesterday.

Torres left for Tokyo, Japan yesterday afternoon. He is scheduled to meet with

some Japanese officials today to bolster and further promote the CNMI in Japan.

The administration said this is part of the CNMI government's continuing attempt to revive the Japanese tourism market. Attracting

investors is also the purpose of the trip.

Torres will then head to Seattle, WA, for another round of meetings with several agencies under Region IX. He is also scheduled to sit down with potential in-

vestors to talk about investing in inter-island travel in the CNMI.

Torres is scheduled to be back on Feb. 14.

A week following his return to Saipan, Torres and Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) will be hosting a congressional delegation on Feb. 22, headed by Rep. Rob Bishop

or (R-1st Utah), who is the House Committee on Natural Resources chairman.

The administration said the CODEL want to see first-hand the economic changes that have happened in the CNMI and assess the labor and immigration issues here.

Torres invited the CODEL to come to the CNMI when he

was in Washington, D.C. last month for the 902 talks and to attend the National Governors Association meeting.

A day after the CODEL visit, Torres will again head to D.C. to attend the NGA meeting where talks with key congressional and Republican leaders are being set by the administration. *(Jon Perez)*

'Need to correct mistakes in salary increase law'

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Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) has introduced a House bill to correct the salary increase law, Public Law 19-83, and remove the salary increases of elected officials.

PL19-83 set a new base salary schedule and increased the salary ceiling for classified civil service government employees. It also increased the salaries of all elected officials. It became a law on Jan. 20 even without Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' signature. Then-acting governor Arnold I. Palacios also did not sign it.

Propst said that House Bill 20-39 is a legislative measure that is neither for the minority or the leadership.

"It is beyond party lines. The findings in the bill will explain everything since there are some that are real concerns. For the sake of brevity we limited our findings and other concerns."

Torres said last week that there was no budget allocated for the increase and reiterated that he is not willing to get the money from other funds.; he'd rather wait if there's supplemental budget that could be appropriated to fund the increase.

Propst sided with Torres adding that the CNMI even has a debt of \$471,758,182 from various agencies, com-

pensations, and judgments.

"I appreciate the efforts of Gov. Torres for coming out and stating that he will not find funding for this."

"The increase that became law is an unfunded liability. There was no money appropriated. We have based it on future funds that will be generated from BGRT and the casino," said Propst, who added that there are more pressing issues the Legislature could have acted on.

"We have medical referral program that is always underfunded. We have police officers who are still making \$8 an hour with some of them have been working for 20 years or more. Other employees of critical agencies like nurses and firemen have no night differential and hazardous pay," he said.

"We have a museum that is decrepit, and in dire need of repairs and adequate staffing. There's no curator to this day and we have to look at our rich history and take care of it. We have a landfill that is filling up quickly. Our Settlement Fund obligation is at \$33 million and next year will be \$45 million. These are some of the things that we need to address and look into."

Propst said the government also owes millions of dollars from medical malpractice lawsuits and landowners, some of whom have already died without receiving a single centavo on their land compensation claims.

"While we are addressing this little by little, we still have a huge debt that needs to be settled and we have critical agencies that are in

dire need of money."

Proactive approach

Propst said PL 19-83 also opens the door for lawsuits because of some technicality. "We have taxpayers that are very likely to file a lawsuit because of the technical things that were done wrong. They may have a very strong case but we should not wait for taxpayers' lawsuits. We should...address this immediately and correct the issues."

"We must look at our roles as public servants. It must be 'we before me.' We can't give ourselves an 80-percent increase while giving the people who voted for us, the frontline workers, only 5 percent. That is a huge disparity and I find it unfair."

"We need to have a little bit of fairness. If the consumer price index shows that this

is what we deserve as salary then we should not neglect our frontline workers first, the civil servants. Public service requires sacrifice."

He said the pay increase of 35 elected officials would cost close to \$1.14 million annually. It will be a little over \$800,000 for the remaining fiscal year 2017 if it ever gets funded.

Findings

Propst's HB 20-39 finds PL 19-51 that established the Advisory Commission on the Compensation for Elected Officials, which was tasked to

study and make recommendations in adjusting the elected officials' salaries, had exceeded the 60-day limit to transmit its report to the Legislature.

The commission also did not meet until October 2016, one month over the timeframe as stated in Section 5 (d) of PL 19-51. The salary increases of the elected officials should be canceled for their failure to act within the timeframe.

Propst's bill further states that members of the 19th Legislature that were re-elected to serve in the 20th violated the Government Ethics Code.

OAG

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The OAG lawsuit alleges that Public Law 19-83, which provided the salary increases, is unconstitutional for two reasons:

1) The Advisory Commission that recommended the salary increase was not validly constituted; and

2) The increase to the salary recommended by the Advisory Commission for the Legislature exceeded the change in an "accepted price index" since the last time the salary was adjusted.

The Office of the Attorney General applied for preliminary and permanent injunctions to prevent Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson from implementing the law. The Finance secretary is named in

her official capacity.

"It is my duty as chief legal officer of the Commonwealth to enforce the NMI Constitution. I look forward to the court hearing our arguments with respect to the manner these salaries may be adjusted, and holding the Legislature accountable to the limitations imposed upon them by the Constitution," said Attorney General Edward Manibusan.

The lawsuit was filed on Thursday in the CNMI Superior Court.

P.L. 19-83 (originally House Bill 19-03) became law because Gov. Ralph DLG Torres was in Washington, D.C. at the time and did not act on the measure. The CNMI Constitution provides that a House bill becomes a law after a fixed amount of time if the governor does not act on it. *(Saipan Tribune)*



READY FOR THE FIESTA

Community workers of Precinct 5 Reps. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) and Francisco C. Aguon (R-Saipan) collaborate with workers from the Mayor of Saipan Office to prepare the access road and parking areas for Sunday's gathering of worshippers for the Santa Lourdes fiesta.

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CHC

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Muña said the workload on the nurses is taxing.

"Imagine a nurse who is working 16 hours a day, getting a couple of hours of sleep, and is called back again because of the fact that there are new patients. It happens and is one of the biggest problems that we are having," she added.

Hospital administrator Jesse Tudela agrees. He said that nurses are greatly outnumbered by the patients. Because of this, nurses are also affected.

"For the Medical/Surgical Unit, or MedSurg, the recommended patient-to-nurse ratio should be five patients to one nurse. That is not happening in MedSurg. It is running, at times, seven patients

to one nurse," said Tudela. "That is two additional patients for one nurse. It causes them to overwork and not have enough breaks. [The nurses'] health may also be affected down the road."

Tudela added that the CW1 issue has also been bottlenecking the capacity for CHC to hire nurses.

"We are pressing hard to try and replace [nursing vacancies] but again, another factor is the CW cap. We are unable to recruit foreign nurses because the cap has been met and [CHCC] is unable to petition the nurses with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services," he added.

Tudela said increasing the number of CW slots would be beneficial to address the manpower issues all over the island.

"The first couple of nurses affected by the CW crisis have

their renewal dates this coming April. Until now, there is still no increase in CW slots. The next batch is in July, which is a lot more nurses—about 40—followed by an August group and a September group," he said.

Muña said CHCC is looking at other versions of work visas so as to stay away from the CW issue.

"We are trying to do everything we can to make sure our staff are staying. [CHC] is also trying to look for ways to recruit staff."

Gambling aftermath

Muña said the casino also affects the amount of patients that are coming in to seek medical assistance at CHC.

"I hate to say this, but [according to] a lot of studies, when you open a casino, that is what happens," she said.

Muña clarified that she is

not attacking casino establishments but rather the gambling habits that casinos bring with them. Muña pointed out that the addition of a casino comes with a population influx.

"We are not saying that the casino is the whole problem; we are saying that this is one of many factors that affect the high CHC census," she said.

"[Gambling] affects healthcare. We are seeing the effects of it. That is why you have the business gross revenue tax, or the BGRT. There is a reason why there are a lot of taxes associated with bringing up the casino and health," she added.

According to Christian Nordqvist of medicalnewstoday.com, problem gambling, a condition that manifests in people who are addicted to gambling, causes certain psychological and physical health including depression, migraine, intestinal disorders,

anxiety, and other problems.

With economic growth comes various risks and even more responsibility, Muña said.

"We say this because [casinos] bring in workers and they bring in tourists. They all access our services, not just the locals. [Healthcare] does not just go to the locals, healthcare go out to everybody," she said.

For Saipan specifically, the construction industry, which is also experiencing a boom due to all the ongoing projects, contribute to the number of patients at CHC. Sources say workers from various construction entities, which include victims of accidents, are seeing about three to four incidents a day.

Financial worries

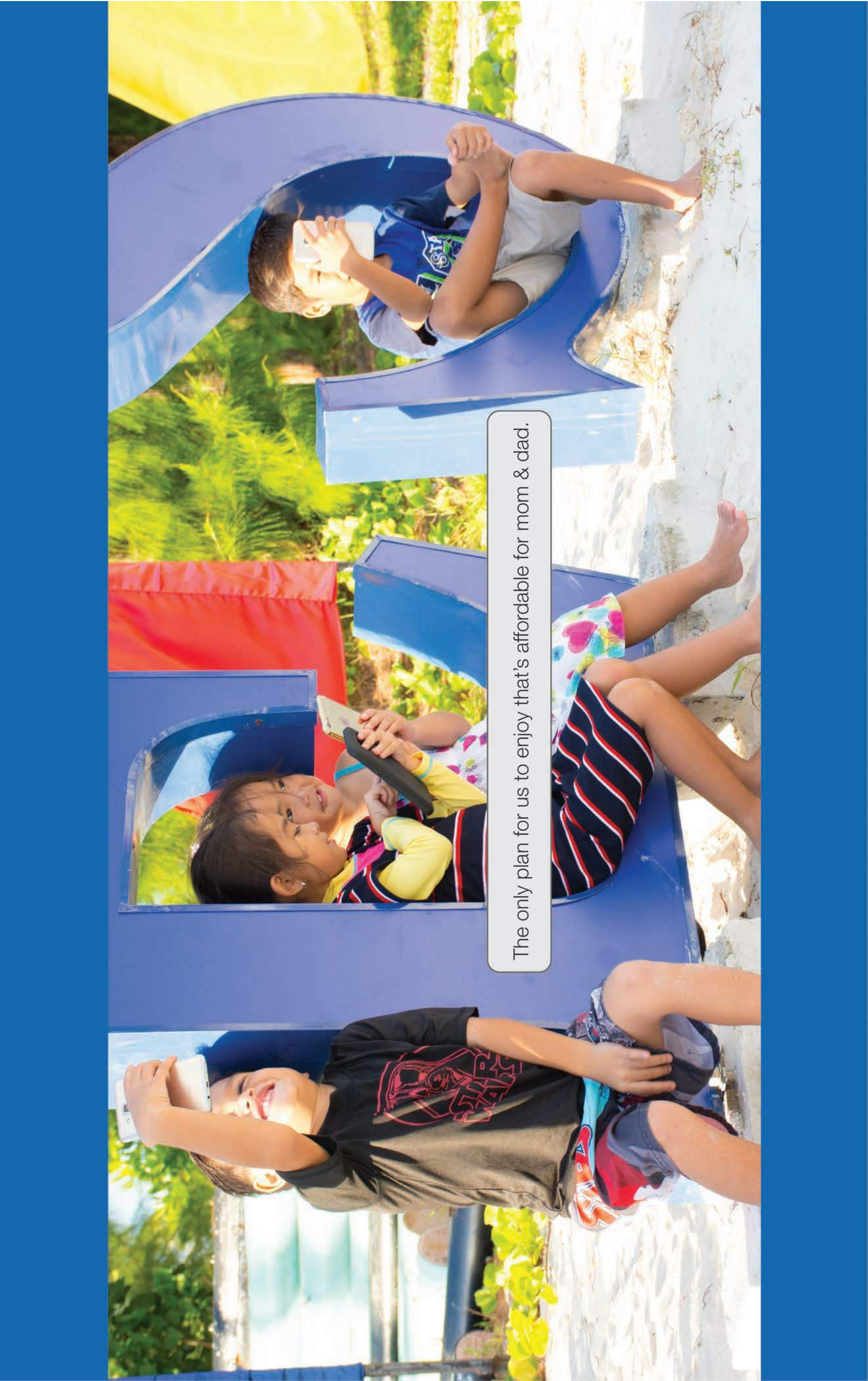
Muña also expressed concerns about their financial situation. CHC is a hospital that relies on a reimburse-

ment payment system.

"We are supposed to make sure that services are available before being reimbursed. This means we have to have the medical supplies on hand to make sure these patients have these services [available to them] [before CHC] gets paid later," she said.

If the hospital spends \$1,000 a month on medical supplies, as the population goes up, and more people show up with more severe illnesses, \$1,000 would not be enough to address the health issues of unexpected patients, leaving CHC to shoulder multiple patient bills.

The lone hospital in the CNMI opened to the public in 1986 and was built to serve a population of less than 20,000. More than 20 years later and an estimated 50,000 population, the hospital is struggling to keep up.



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From left, IT&E chief operating officer John Compton; American Red Cross-NMI Chapter board chair Tanya Belyeu-Camacho; ARC executive director John Hirsh; IT&E sales manager Hans Mickelson; and ARC disaster program manager Juan Tenorio.

Red Cross thanks IT&E for its support, fiber optic

The CNMI chapter of the American Red Cross recently recognized IT&E for its continued long-term support and thanked it for the new fiber optic connection it provided the Red Cross office near the airport.

"IT&E's fiber installation is tangibly improving our ability to access training and communicate better with our regional and national offices," said John Hirsh, executive director of the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter.

"We now have the internet infrastructure to support a large number of volunteers during disasters like Typhoon Soudelor," said Red Cross board chair Tayna Belyeu-Camacho.

IT&E has provided financial support, cellular and internet services to the American Red Cross for many years.

"It is an honor to be associated with an outstanding international organization like the Red Cross. They provide critical services to our community every day and especially during disasters," said John Compton, IT&E's chief operating officer. "We are glad to be in a position to support such a fine organization and we look forward to continuing our support for many years to come. We are actively working on other joint projects with the Red Cross and we will announce them at the appropriate time." (PR)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Water outage on West Isa Drive, Capital Hill

There will be a scheduled water service interruption today, Feb. 10, 2017, from 7:30am to 5pm, to allow the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s contractor, GPPC, to connect the new 6-inch distribution main along West Isa Drive to the existing 8-inch water main at the intersection of Capital Hill Road and Isa Drive intersection. Customers in the affected area should expect restoration of services soon thereafter. Affected areas: Isleta Ct. Sagua Dr., Hafno St., Mate Dr. all the way to Vestcor Appt. (CUC)

Bodybuilding federation to host fundraiser

The Northern Marianas Bodybuilding & Physique Federation will be holding a "Party in the Park" on Feb. 25, 2017, from 6pm to 9pm, at the Garapan Central Park (Roundhouse) to raise funds for our bodybuilders to compete in local and international competitions. The cost is \$20 per person.

The federation is preparing for the 3rd Annual Marianas Muscle competition to be

held on March 25, 2017, and in July it will be holding the CNMI bodybuilding championships. These events will be officially sanctioned by NMBPF and will determine those competitors who will be eligible to represent the CNMI in international competitions.

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Pusong Pinoy bets get pageant tips

Beauty titlists Peachy Quitugua and Palanga Taimanao met with the 13 candidates of the United Filipino Organization's Miss Pusong Pinoy 2017 pageant last Wednesday and got some tips on how to do well.

In particular, Quitugua, who holds this year's Miss Marianas title, and Taimanao, who is Miss Teen Marianas, gave tips on how to approach the question-and-answer portion of the competition.

"Don't make the answer something that you feel everyone else wants to hear. Make sure your answer is honest and true to your belief," said Quitugua.

She shared her experience getting ready for the Miss International pageant. "I was told by Miss Earth Guam Sarah Filush that the best way to practice the question-and-answer portion is to always talk to myself. While I am driving, while in front of the mirror, I always ask myself random questions and speak as though I am in the pageant."

Taimanao said she was shy and had a very soft voice before competing in the 2016 Miss Teen pageant. "I was taught to always speak from the diaphragm. It helps to make you sound louder, but not as if you are screaming."

UFO event coordinator Er-

nie Molina trained Quitugua for the Miss International pageant. She said he taught her how to walk properly.

Pusong Pinoy candidate Chloe Salvosa felt the same way. "I would not know how to properly walk if it weren't for Ernie. Now I walk naturally with so much confidence," said Salvosa.

Molina arranged the meeting so that the girls can hear first-hand what being a beauty queen is like. Molina said, "This Pusong Pinoy pageant can be their stepping stone to bigger pageants. They can be the next ones to wear the Miss Marianas or Miss Teen Marianas crown."

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Representatives of the Tinian Women's Association, Guardians of Gani, PaganWatch, and the Center for Biological Diversity have their picture taken with Earthjustice counsel David L. Henkin, third from right, and their local attorney, Kimberlyn K. King-Hinds, in front of the Horiguchi Building in Garapan.

Motion to dismiss suit vs Navy plans under advisement

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The federal court placed under advisement yesterday the U.S. government's motion to dismiss the lawsuit filed by four groups against the U.S. military over the Navy's decision to relocate U.S. Marines from Okinawa to Guam and to conduct live-fire training on Tinian and Pagan.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona also set a status conference for April 6, 2017.

Joshua P. Wilson, the trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice Natural Resources Section, argued for the U.S. military.

Earthjustice counsel David L. Henkin argued for the four environmental and cultural preservation group: the Tinian Women's Association, Guardians of Gani, PaganWatch, and the Center for Biological Diversity. They opposed the U.S. military's motion.

The groups are suing the U.S. Department of Navy, then Navy Secretary Ray Mabus, U.S. Department of

Defense, and then Defense Secretary Ashton Carter for alleged violation of the National Environmental Policy Act and Administrative Procedure Act.

The complainants, through Henkin and local attorney Kimberlyn K. King-Hinds, asked the court to declare the defendants in violation of the NEPA and APA for relying on the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Single Environmental Impact Statement to make a decision on the relocation of Marines.

Wilson argued that the court should dismiss the lawsuit because the relocation presents a non-justiciable political question.

Wilson said the filing of the lawsuit is premature as they are coming to the court based on a draft report that is about to be superseded by another report.

Wilson said there is a very important premise behind the relocation. He said the decision-making process for the CNMI Joint Military Training on Tinian and Pagan is not done yet and that it's not even sure if it will really happen.

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Mangabao heirs want Finance compelled to pay \$18.8M

The heirs of Maria Mangabao want the CNMI Supreme Court to compel the Finance secretary to pay them the court judgment entered in 2008 over the taking of their land in Chalan Kanoa in 1993.

The amount has now ballooned to \$18.8 million.

They said the Commonwealth has not paid a cent to satisfy the judgment, which continues to grow at a rate of \$2,886 per day.

The CNMI actually allocated \$15 million for the payment of judgments but none of this had been paid to the Mangabao heirs, according to the heirs' lawyers, Edward C. Arriola and Michael W. Dotts.

An additional amount of \$6,032,692 is also available for payment of the judgment, Arriola and Dotts said, but unless compelled to pay, the government has no intention of doing so.

The lawyers said the heirs have no other option but to go to the high court.

All judges in the Superior Court have recused themselves from handling the case.

Arriola and Dotts said Guam Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena has been appointed to oversee the case, but the judge has been unable to act.

"Time waits for no man. The funds are available. Payment is long overdue," they said.

While the case languishes, the heirs have grown old, many have passed away, and the heirs need the money to pay for their basic needs, the two lawyers said.

They said the people of the CNMI can avoid this continuing accrual of \$2,800 daily interest if it is paid.

Arriola and Dotts said a writ of mandamus is the remedy.

Last month, the Office of the Attorney General asked the court to give the CNMI government more time to come up with a payment plan.

The land in question consists of 6,000 square meters. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



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Special deals for Valentine's Day

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REPORTER

Revel in your romantic side this Valentine's Day. There are so many ways that you can show your significant other a great time but that doesn't mean you have to break the bank. Here are some special deals to make your Valentine's Day special.

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Select your own Valentine flower arrangement at Blossoms Floral Depot & Nov-

elties at J.E.T building, Gualo Rai. Add a personal touch to goodie baskets filled with your choice of luscious chocolates, Bath & Body scented candles and body mist, and Valentine's balloons and stuff animals. You can also set the mood right by adding your choice of wine. Blossoms is open Monday to Saturday from 8:30am to 6pm.

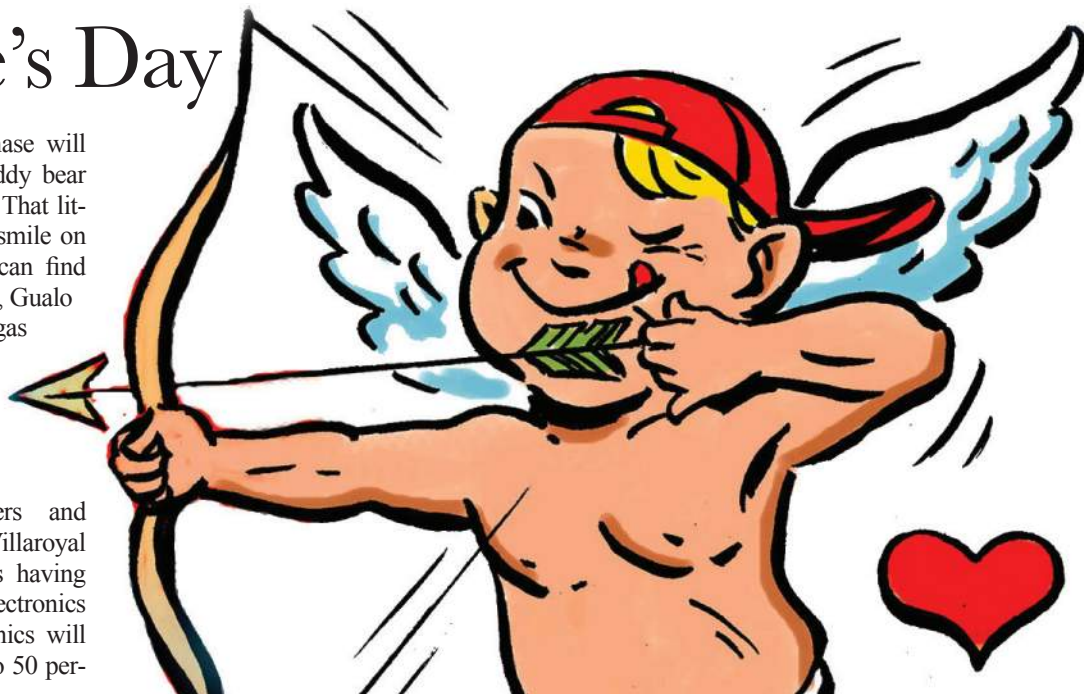
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iShop

Men and women love shopping. Go on a couple-shopping trip to iShop where there are items for her and him. They have brands like Roxy, Quiksilver, and a promo of buy two for 25 percent off. Buy three items and you can get 35 percent off. Shop for the whole family at the Paseo de Marianas branch or at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

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After finding the right gift, outfit, and making yourselves look extra hot for the night, here are some places for the ideal wine and dine experience.

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Enjoy a five-course meal at Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan's World Café Terrace for \$150. Take pleasure in their homemade Gav Lax with potato pancake and honey dressing. Drown yourself in clam chowder in a sourdough bun. Choose the main course between Mosaik of Chilean sea bass and halibut served with vegetables and wild rice pilaf or mixed grilled veal, lame, and half Maine lobster tail with tomato chervil foam and vegetable bundle. Top off the night with a chocolate decadence with fruit coulis, all while sipping on your choice of four wines with a complimentary photo of you and your partner. Call 234-6414 Ext. 1548/1544 for inquiries and reservations.

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SPECIAL

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Teppanyaki Restaurant and 12th Night Steak & Seafood Restaurant on Valentine's Day with their dinner special starting at 6pm.

The Kan Pacific-owned restaurants will each offer meal courses for couples: Enjoy a six-course meal at Zen, or an eight-course meal at 12th Night. Dinner price is at \$140 for both restaurants while 12th Night would also offer \$180 meal with massage for two.

Guests on Valentine's Day will also get a chance to win prizes like free room night stay at the Mariana Resort, spa entrance or massage. For reservations, call 3220770.

Laolao Bay Golf & Resort

Take your partner to see the beautiful view on the east side of the island at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort. They give you the option to celebrate Valentine's Day during lunch or dinner. Lunch buffet is only \$25 per adult and \$12.50 per child ages 4 to 11. After a good lunch, have some fun in the sun with the free pool passes with purchase of the lunch special. For dinner, indulge in their lover's delight buffet for just \$60 per person

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Keep in touch with IT&E's deal for two. Sign up for a two-line share plan with unlimited talk, text, and 20GB of 4G/LTE data. You can choose between two Sam-

sung Galaxy A5 phones for just \$79 or a Samsung Galaxy S7 phones for \$99 each. IT&E will be having a Valentine's Getaway Giveaway that will be raffled on Feb. 13 to all postpaid customers. Winner gets a one-night stay plus dinner for two at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

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CUC board seeks lawsuit of ex-employees dismissed

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The lawsuit filed by two former Commonwealth Utilities Corp. employees against CUC

board members is just a veiled attempt to have most board members removed, according to CUC lawyer James S. Sirok.

In a motion to dismiss the

lawsuit, Sirok described former public information officer Brad Ruszala and former CUC chief financial officer Matthew Yaquinto as disgruntled former employees and their

lawsuit is nothing more than a veiled attempt to obtain a "stepping stone" for a request to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres to remove all board members except for David J. Sablan Jr.

Sirok said the complaint seeks to persuade the Superior Court to declare that each of the defendants have violated their fiduciary duties as members of the CUC board of directors.

"They have failed to name as a defendant one board member who has been outspoken and critical of CUC, Mr. Sablan," said Sirok.

Ruszala and Yaquinto sued all CUC board members, except Sablan, for allegedly holding closed-door meetings under the guise of "executive sessions" and using their positions to obtain private financial gain for themselves and their relatives.

Ruszala and Yaquinto, through counsel George Lloyd Hasselback, are suing CUC board chair Adelina C. Roberto and board members Eric C. San Nicolas, Joseph T. Torres, Ignacio L. Perez, and Albert A. Taitano for violations

of the Open Government Act, Government Ethics Code, and U.S. District for the NMI stipulated order.

Ruszala and Yaquinto asked the court to declare the defendants in violation of their fiduciary duties for their "continued failure" to comply with the OGA requirements.

The plaintiffs asked the court to declare that all ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, and directives created by the CUC board in violation of OGA be declared null and void.

In CUC board's motion to dismiss filed on Wednesday, Sirok said most of the allegations against the board members are articulated in a "mixing of apples and oranges" style.

He said the allegations are vague and general "conclusory" statements that invite a "fishing expedition" rather than articulating specifically described instances of misconduct that defendants can reasonably be required to respond to.

Sirok said the court lacks subject matter jurisdiction to

consider certain allegations and causes of action set forth in the complaint.

He said plaintiffs have failed to join as parties other entities and persons needed for just adjudication based on the allegations and causes of action alleged in the complaint.

The lawyer moved the court to issue an order requiring the plaintiffs to provide more definitive statements in their allegations so that defendants can appropriately respond to their claims.

Hasselback stated in the complaint that in January 2016, the CUC board held a closed-door meeting under the guise of an "executive session" where discussions were held pertaining to the elimination of the position of public information officer that should have been held in a public session.

Hasselback said that on May 4, 2015, the CUC board held a closed-door meeting under the guise of an "executive session" where discussions were held pertaining to petitions for rate-increases that should have been held in public session.

Deadline to apply for CHAP Fellowship

The Northern Marianas College's Cooperative Research, Extension, and Education Service is reminding all NMC students that the deadline to apply for the Child Health Assessment in the Pacific Undergraduate Summer Fellowship Program is on Feb. 15, 2017.

The program provides a summer training opportunity for undergraduate students

working toward degrees in nutrition, nursing, early childhood education, public health and other related degrees.

The objective of the CHAP program is to build Pacific regional capacity in early childhood nutrition and health assessment training and sustain the Pacific network of individuals working to monitor and prevent early childhood obesity and health disparities and evaluate a program that will sustain training in early childhood nutrition and health assessment.

Students that get accepted into the program will be

awarded with a \$2,100 stipend. All travel, meal, and housing expenses for a seven-day training opportunity at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa will be covered through the fellowship. The resources and support to complete a mentored summer field experience related to diet or anthropometry field assessment techniques will also be provided to CHAP.

For more information, contact Patricia Coleman at NMC-CREES at (670) 237-6842, email chapac@hawaii.edu or visit www.chl-pacific.org. (NMC)

Christian school to hold mission on Saipan

Okinawa Christian School International will be sending a mission team of 10 high school students and two chaperones to Saipan on Sunday, Feb. 12.

This team will be working with the Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts, sorting debris at a building site.

They will also be hosting Valentine's Day parties for preschool and elementary school kids. The parties are free and open to the community.

The first Valentine's Day party will be on Monday, Feb. 13, at Church 360 on the fourth floor of the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe from 6pm to 7:30pm.

The second party will be held at Kagman Community Church in Kagman III on

Tuesday, Feb. 14, from after school until 4pm.

Both Valentine's Day parties will include games, crafts, snacks, and a Bible lesson.

The OCSI team will also be hosting free middle school and high school events.

On Thursday, Feb. 16, they will hold a beach party for teenagers after school until 5pm at the beach across MHS.

This event will include prizes, games, snacks, and a youth challenge.

On Friday, Feb. 17, OCSI will host a free Pizza Party Youth event at Kagman Community Church from 7pm to 9pm. This is also open to all middle school and high school students.

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NMI Chinese community marks onset of new year

The CNMI's Chinese community celebrated the onset of the Lunar New Year last Jan. 28 with a program held at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan on Feb. 4, 2017.



The program's opening ceremony.

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Students of the Chinese Education Center perform.

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Chinese Education Center students perform a kung fu demonstration.

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Students of the Chinese Education Center perform a dance.

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The program also featured a ukulele performance.

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Officials of the Chinese Association of Saipan hold the Chinese New Year raffle draw.

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The program of activities was put together by the Chinese New Year Party Committee.

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MCS honors many during Catholic Schools Week

During last week's celebration of Catholic Schools Week, Mount Carmel School honored many individuals who have, in one way or another, embodied the school's values of faith, excellence, and success, and have fulfilled the school's mission to "educate the whole person to see with Christ's eyes."

AlumKnight of the Year

At Saturday's "Night with the Knights" AlumKnight dinner, the school awarded its AlumKnight of the Year to 1968 AlumKnight, business leader Jesus V. "JM" Deleon Guerrero. Upon receiving the award, Deleon Guerrero remembered his parents who not only sacrificed many things in order to send him to Mount Carmel, but also helped in building the school during its early years.

In presenting the award, school president Galvin Deleon Guerrero recognized JM Deleon Guerrero for being one of the founding fathers of the CNMI's most important industry, tourism. As Deleon Guerrero put it, "He has succeeded in business. He has laid the foundation for our most important industry. He has given back to his home island hundredfold. ... And he has done all of this without bravado, without fanfare, without ego. He is a humble and respectful family man that I have grown to admire deeply and am honored to call a fellow AlumKnight."

Class of the Year

At the "Night with the



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Mount Carmel School recognizes its 2017 AlumKnight of the Year. From left: Mount Carmel School AlumKnight Association vice chair Priscilla Dela Cruz, MCS board secretary Joe Pangelinan, MCS board vice chair Jacqueline Che, MCS board chair Vicente "Ben" Babauta, association treasurer Patrick Guerrero, AlumKnight of the Year Jesus V. "JM" Deleon Guerrero, association secretary Rita Chong, association chair Charles Cepeda, and MCS president Galvin Deleon Guerrero.



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Mount Carmel School recognizes its 2017 Parents of the Year. From left, vice principal Helene Manning, vice principal Bobby Baldazo, Parent of the Year Armela Ham, MCS board treasurer Will Hunter, Parent of the Year Jocelyn Toskas, director of Institutional Development John Blanco, Parent Teacher organization president Luis Camacho, and school president Galvin Deleon Guerrero.

Knights" event, the school also announced the Class of the Year award, which was given to the school's graduating Class of 1976. The award recognizes classes that have given back to their alma mater in a substantial manner and that represent the school's mission and philosophy. In addition to helping in various community outreach events, in 2016 the Class of 1976 started a fundraising drive for the school as part of its 40th reunion efforts.

Members of the Class of 1976 were ecstatic to win the award, and pledged to continue giving back to their alma mater.

Teacher and Staff of the Year

On Tuesday, the school announced the 2017 Teacher of the Year, fifth grade teacher HeJin Lee, and Staff of the Year Marlon Villafuerte. Lee started teaching at the school three years ago, after earning her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Northern Marianas College. Since then, she has continued her education by completing various educational technology and literacy courses.

Villafuerte was recognized for his invaluable contributions to the school. Galvin Deleon Guerrero was especially thankful for his service. "With a good heart, he helps in many ways, from repairing air conditioners, keeping our campus safe and clean, to setting up for various school events," Deleon Guerrero said. "Our school thrives because of his unsung support."

Attorney Joseph Taijeron and social studies teacher Rosiky Camacho were also granted honorary diplomas, declaring them AlumKnights for their 12 years of service at the school.

Parents of the Year

At Friday's Family Night celebration, the school recognized Parents of the Year: Armela Ham and Jocelyn Toaskas. The school recognized the valuable contributions of parent volunteers like them. Galvin Deleon Guerrero shared that, "These parents have generously given their time, attention, and commitment to Mount Carmel School. Their acts of volunteerism are necessary for Mount Carmel School to achieve its mission of educating the whole person to see with Christ's eyes. These contributions of time and energy also help build our school as a community of faith, knowledge and service." (MCS)



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Chamorro and Carolinian dancers are part of the Marianas Visitors Authority's promotional backlit wall display for The Marianas opened at Shimbashi station in Tokyo, Japan on Jan. 31, 2017. The station receives 265,000 daily passengers. MVA

The Marianas Visitors Authority opened a new promotional backlit wall display for The Marianas at Shimbashi station in Tokyo, Japan on Jan. 31, 2017. The station receives 265,000 daily passengers. MVA

The Marianas featured at Japan Shimbashi station

On Jan. 31, the Marianas Visitors Authority unveiled a new wall display featuring The Marianas in one of Tokyo's busiest train stations, situated in the heart of the new business district of Shiodome.

The 265,000 daily passengers transiting Shimbashi station will now receive a giant invitation to enjoy a "3-Day Weekend in the Marianas," enticed by 12-foot, backlit images including diving, swimming, parasailing, indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian dancers.

"The Marianas is now on display in one of the busiest train stations in Japan, alongside prestigious international brands including All Nippon Airways and Shiseido," said

MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "You see people walking by bundled up against the cold and with surgical masks on, and we give each of them a glimpse—a dream—of kayaking in the crystal clear aqua waters of Taga Beach, diving at the award-winning Grotto, trekking among the lush greenery of Rota, or parasailing among white clouds and blue Marianas skies. The images and colors are just stunning."

The Marianas display also faces the Nippon TV event space, ideal for targeting high-end business people. It also invites the public to join the "My Marianas" Instagram contest now underway in Japan. (MVA)



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing on the Saipan International Real Estate Development Corporation, Ltd. (SIREDC) proposed changes to the Ocean Vista Resort project under CRM permit amendment application number SMS-2015-X-010, Amendment 2017-1 and the Tai Su International Development, Inc. proposed Beach Road Ocean View Resort project under CRM permit application number SMS-2016-X-076.

The CRM permit amendment application for the Ocean Vista Resort in Capitol Hill, Saipan, was submitted on January 04, 2017 for the proposed changes as follows: (1) To expand and move the main hotel building further to the southwest and reduced car parking to the rear of the hotel block; (2) To include guest rooms to the back of the main hotel building; (3) To move the villas to the front of the property along the main road; (4) To increase green space of the development by reducing the vehicle parking footprint by including a two-storey garage; (5) To relocate the swimming pool outside; and (6) To add a wedding chapel. The proposed changes to the Ocean Vista Resort project will be situated in Lower Capitol Hill on 10 acres of private lands encompassing Lot Numbers H 328-3, H 328-5, and TR-21698.

The CRM permit application number SMS-2016-X-076 is for the proposed Beach Road Ocean View Resort project. The Tai Su International Development, Inc. is proposing to construct a 100 unit "Ocean View Resort" which will consist of one and two-bedroom "resort type model homes" as well as a two-storey commercial building with restaurant and three-storey office building on 1.7 hectares in Chalan Laolao, located on Beach Road near the Triple J Automotive Sales facility specifically on Lot Nos. 1930-R-1 and 1930-1.

The public hearing is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 5:00 PM at the BECQ 2nd Floor Conference Room in Lower Gualo Rai, Middle Road, Saipan.**

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, Caller Box 10007 or by fax at 664-8315. The project files are open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects. Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Ocean Vista Resort 2017 Amendment application as well as the Beach Road Ocean View Resort project.

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The perfect 10: Scientists discover genetic redemption for the ruined tomato

We've all seen it: reddish splotches heavy with mayonnaise, dragged off sandwiches and eventually crunched in parchment for the trash bin.

We've seen the studious grocery shoppers, sniffing and pinching and eventually skipping the pile of seedy fruit balls in the produce section.

We've seen the pinkish wedges ignored at the salad bar, so pitiful and bland-looking they're not worth a penny of extra weight in the checkout line.

And we've sympathized with hopeful gardeners, pushing leafy young plants into the soil and sprinkling them with strange mixtures of household waste—crushed egg shells, used coffee grounds, pet hair—to foment the growth, the flavor, the tang.

And when we can't get our paws on those storied, homegrown tomatoes—oh how we miss Grandma's flavorful tomatoes that smelled deliciously of dirt and tasted like September.

Now, perhaps, a solution.

Thank goodness for bawdy academic research budgets.

University of Florida scientists believe they have cracked the genetic code of old-timey tomatoes. The upshot allegedly is a tomato that could be sturdy enough for shipping all the way to your grocer.

Led by horticultural sciences professor Harry Klee who has spent his career studying the genetic makeup of vegetables and fruits, researchers bred and grew and taste-tested hundreds of tomatoes to find the blend that would be strong enough to ship and pretty enough to buy—and meet the flavor requirements of the most discerning chef.

That's the problem, you see. Us. Consumers.

Growers and grocers stopped caring about the insides of the tomato because all we cared about were the outsides. Red, shiny, unblemished? Drop them in the shopping cart.

And due to our demand for salty, drippy, year-round bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwiches, tomatoes have been rushed from farm to truck to grocery store. They are plucked early and ripened quickly. No, we don't want to wait for them to mature to their full potential. We want them when we want them.

But what happened was the deterioration of the real tomato. It doesn't seem to matter which type you buy. They look smooth and bright but mostly taste like fiberboard. Even heirlooms don't always have the zing they once did.

"The challenge is to improve flavor without compromising yield," Klee explains on his web page. "Growers are businessmen. Until the growers are paid a fair price for great flavor, they must focus on what pays the bills. Yield."

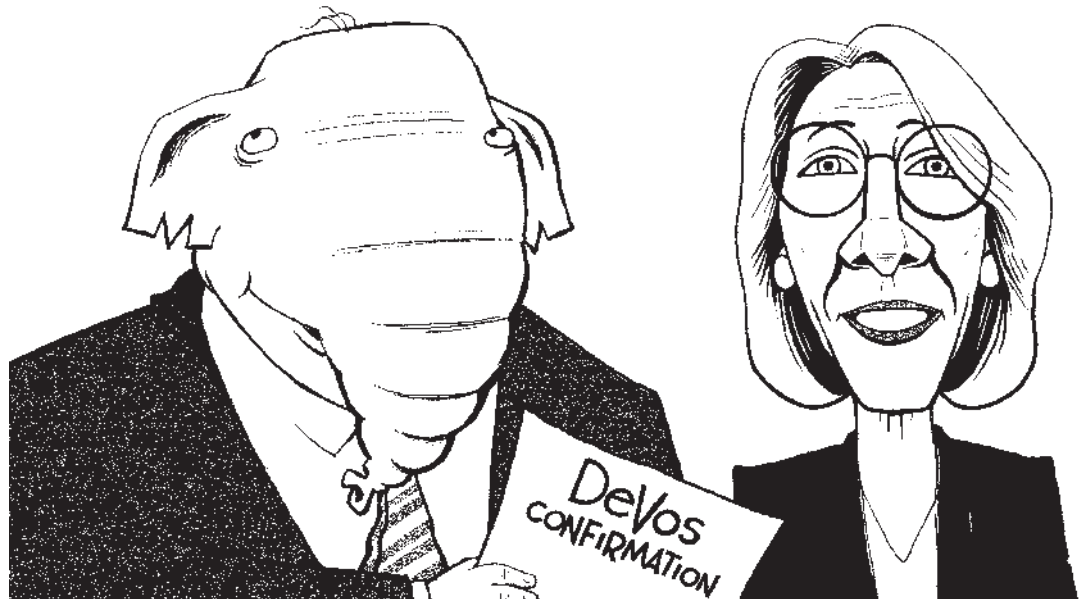
The University of Florida study was published last month in Science magazine. We could try to translate all the academic vocabulary and explain the composition of a tomato's sugars and acids. But in truth, we don't care too much about that.

What we do care about is progress. And taste buds. Folks, the intervention of science, once again, is expected to improve our BLTs, our gazpacho, our salads. A perfect tomato, coming to you soon. Maybe in three years. We hope less.

Thank you, scientists. Now, can we talk about those watery, pruned, nude, embarrassed little baby carrots?

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From the record-breaking number of 18 teams who joined the tournament to the outpouring of support from our elected leaders, businesses, and citizens from within and without our Commonwealth, including our brothers and sisters from Guam and the United States, it is abundantly clear that all of us share a common goal of fighting in solidarity to save and protect our beautiful island homes from irreparable destruction by the U.S. military. For that, we are profoundly grateful to each and every single one of you for your kind support.

We plan to conduct these series of softball tournament fundraisers throughout the year, so please continue to support our fundraising efforts as our attorneys, David Henkin of Earthjustice and Kimberlyn King-Hinds, fight for all of us in court.

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Cupid, international

Cupid's day of fame is slated for this upcoming Tuesday. It's time, therefore, for an updated look at the trenches in the love-and-war situation. This time around I have a tactic, a tip, to pass along to you.

The tip is to not write the following inscription on the Valentine's card you give to your spouse:

"Marriage is like a besieged castle; those who are on the outside wish to get in, and those who are on the inside wish to get out."

Few people would actually be tempted to put that into a card, but it's still good for a chuckle.

The saying is a proverb that was featured in a YouTube video by Peggy Lee. She's the charismatic teacher behind *PeggyTeachesChinese.com*. Peggy translates the proverb into Chinese in order to illustrate the use of the term "like."

I'll take a quick tangent and mention that her next example is translating the phrase, "Life is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you're gonna' get," a quote attributed to the fictional character Forrest Gump. The vocabulary in that sentence is simple, but you've got to be pretty good at Chinese to come up with the right grammar. The title of the video, for those interested, is "Intermediate Chinese--Chinese people in San Francisco."

Anyway, let's get back to the romantic paradoxes. We can offer a corollary to the castle proverb. It will, in fact, be some

homegrown Saipan wisdom: "If you're married when you move to Saipan, you'll wind up single. And if you're single, you'll wind up married."

I think that's the second thing I ever heard about Saipan. The first was the crab-bucket phenomenon, which I shall assume needs no explanation, and even if it does, I'll avoid offering one today since I don't want to get mired in cynicism.

Speaking of cynicism, as Valentine's Day approaches, it does so as U.S. statistics report a steady, decades-long decrease in marriage rates along with an increase in the median age at first marriage. Marriage is apparently a tougher sell now than it used to be, at least in the U.S.

This has been analyzed and reported in all sorts of places and in all sorts of ways. That's called an "evergreen" topic; one that can always be presented for discussion. I wouldn't be surprised if Valentine's season is accompanied with some news stories about trends in marriage, or, perhaps more accurately, trends in non-marriage.

Still, I know plenty of people who have been married for 30 years or for 40 years, or even longer. Many of my classmates have surpassed their 25th anniversaries. Oddly enough, I don't recall any of my friends marrying their college sweethearts but I remember a few who married their high school sweethearts after college.

When I was at a Christmas party a few weeks ago I noticed that six languages were being spoken at the same time, and that was a small gathering. I mentally scrolled through my list

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of friends and realized that our wives are from about a dozen countries. That's not surprising, since most of my friends live, or have lived, in the west Pacific. Cupid operates on an international scale, but the vast distances don't diminish the accuracy of his ordnance.

I suspect that Cupid maintains some sort of re-supply facility on Saipan. After all, some of his most successful sneak attacks have been in the CNMI.

Me, I'm a sucker for all holidays, but only in a minor way for Valentine's. The gig has a perfunctory air about it so I try not to let it gather too much momentum. By contrast, I always let Christmas slip the leash with budgetary overruns that exceed the fiscal deficits of many small, semi-industrialized nations.

Anyway, that's this year's survey of the love-and-war trenches. I wish you well, and I hope that no matter which side of the castle wall you're on, it's the side you want.

Thunder from I Deni

When the elected elite sinks into complacency it triggers the simultaneous loss of the quality of life of ordinary folks in the villages. Poor performance inevitably turns into loss of trust from "we the people" in the process.

Such is the dizzying riddle begun by the absence of a public mandate from the outset. It's a difficult task second-guessing political fate in the sea of self-concocted uncertainty, exacerbated by the lack of public enthusiasm.

Next would there be political fallout among local GOP rhinos in the recent decision by Raffy Torres who asked for the courtesy resignation of his Cabinet. The pile of entrapment mounts as he retreats to figure out his game plan. Is his midstream realignment in tatters?

With the gubernatorial race next year, would he be able to improve family income now at its lowest point? It's a pipe dream, if not a PR nightmare on both fronts—GOP unity and meeting the needs of the working class! Hmmm! A strange miscalculation consistently ruining political footing!

Cadillac lifestyle: The netherland of incoherence allows complacency to take root. By then, it's a bit too late to realign missed opportunities to help the working class. Yep! Their Cadillac lifestyle comes first!

The agenda of self-perpetuation is supported by the clever use of "cultural reservation"—a political trap concocted by well-paid indigenous advocates—to keep voters in line with their mission. Keep our people poor so they consistently follow hollow instructions!

In other words, they'd use terms like "indigenous" to trigger the racist tendencies of Chamorros. This slave-like tool ensures that they keep their Cadillac lifestyle by having the innocent rally behind their empty spouts! Am I making sense and isn't it time that voters wake up for once in your lifetime?

I know my culture and don't need a bunch of confused advocates garbling the issue. Could you explain to us what's the Chamorro cultural identity? If you succeed, please share your views so we learn from your timeless wisdom.

While you struggle to answer the query, here are a few rel-

evant issues you might wish to review with a sense of integrity.

Resetting buttons: Is there a plan anywhere in government that sets forth an economic blueprint detailing reviving investments, therefore, economic prosperity? Were you an active and proactive part of the plan to ensure indigenous interest and future wellbeing? Or is it the usual "Not yet, already?"

What's the financial posture of the NMI? Factoring in long-term debts, isn't the NMI basically bankrupt at this juncture? If you disagree, how come it hasn't paid off its utility debts of some \$30 million? Is the financial uncertainty a plus for the indigenous people?

Has anything been done to urge the more than 3,000 indigenous families who evacuated the NMI nearly a decade ago to return home? Or is it too farfetched an issue? Ever probed why our indigenous folks evacuated?

After 38 years of so-called self-government we would have learned to reduce government expenses to reasonable level. But politicians have feasted on allowing for a bloated government. It remains the largest employer here and a fiscal nightmare that has gone out of control. We now have nearly 4,000 or more employees on the payroll. Is this good for the indigenous people?

Assessment: Are the so-called economic "improvements" plan-based or more like "temperamental" offshoots? If not, then it's all ad hoc as though the quality of life among our people in the villages really doesn't matter. No wonder the juvenile decision to raise their salaries by a whopping 80 percent! Why did you allow politicians to give the indigenous people that perfect screw?

Get real: What have you done in stride to improve the quality of instructions in the education of more than 10,000 indigenous students?

Isn't the capacity of the 60-bed hospital now dwarfed by the increase in the local population? Did you lift a finger on this mind-bending negligence?

Have you sought from management commissioning studies to identify the culprit of pancreatic dysfunction rather prevalent among the indigenous people? What's your long-term view of the overall healthcare system? Does it include healthy living among the indigenous people? Or are these issues you've so conveniently ignored in years past a bit redundant as to be dazed once more?

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Casino binge: More casinos are being built between Manila, Vietnam, Macau and South Korea into "integrated resorts." The resorts are built to lure non-gamblers with big-time entertainment and family-oriented activities.

Meanwhile, the chairman of Vegas Sands Plaza, Mr. Sheldon Adelson, is headed to Japan shortly to encourage the country to use his Marina Base Sands in Singapore as a model integrated resort. Lest we forget, Japan has far superior economic infrastructure to build a highly successful casino industry.

Lightning shifts: Trump stops at nothing to institute change from laws that derail economic growth to immigration issues to secure the national border.

The China-U.S. geopolitical tension is a serious issue to watch with extra caution. The U.S. pulling out of the Trans Pacific Partnership pact could easily send China's economy off kilter. When this happens, the middle class dissolves instantly. This is the group where the NMI secures its visitors.

Billions for IPI: Two angels have introduced legislation to tax BSI an additional 5 percent on income it rakes in.

"January's unaudited VIP gambling rolling chip volume rose 147 percent year-on-year to an all-time monthly high at Imperial Pacific International Holdings Ltd.'s temporary casino on the Pacific island of Saipan," according to GGR.

"Such volume amounted to nearly \$5.59 billion," according to a Thursday filing to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. In January 2016, VIP rolling chip volume at the Saipan venue—called Best Sunshine Live—was \$2.26 billion.

"In calendar year 2016, Imperial Pacific's reported unaudited VIP rolling chip turnover was US\$32.37 billion." *At 5 percent, the NMI could get some \$1.6-plus billion!*

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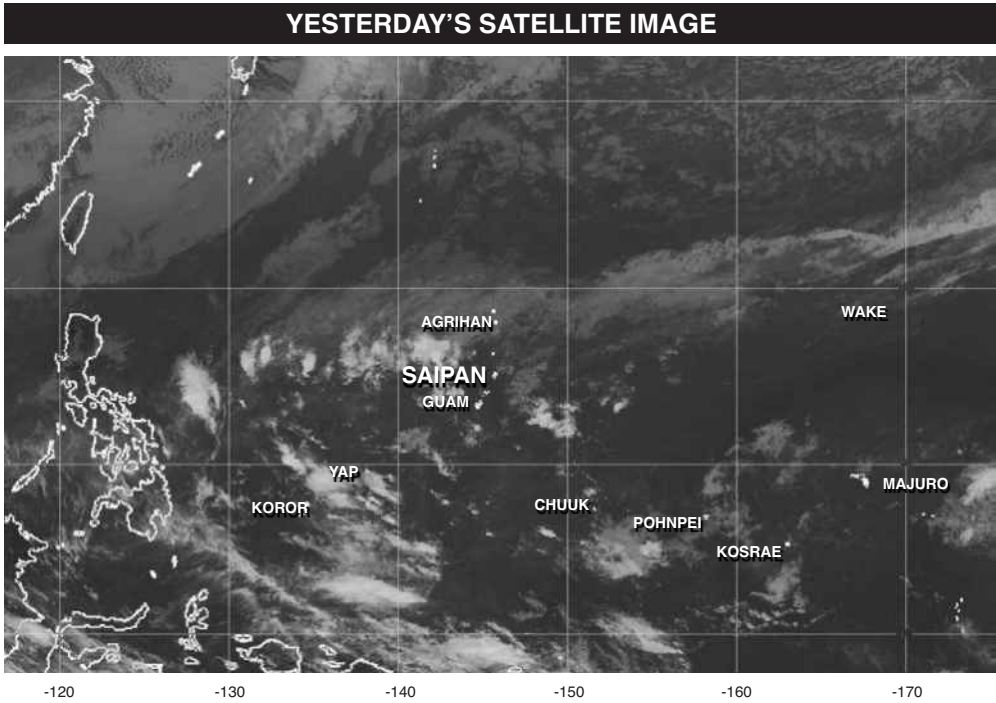
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Sort of a dirty subtropical ridge is still expected to remain in the area for the next couple of days. If there is sufficient insolation there is a possibility of island convection on Saturday when the winds are lightest. On Sunday the next shear line starts coming down in earnest within our grid domain. This will increase winds first, then seas and finally showers. Went ahead and put scattered showers in days 6 and 7, as this shows a clear increasing trend in shower activity, which is what we’re expecting. A new high surf advisory is fairly likely at some point, exactly when is still a bit uncertain.

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Salem	Sunny	62° / 39°
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FEBRUARY 10, 2017

By DRE DELOS SANTOS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

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While I've always had an open mind, there were instances in the past where I just wanted to bang my head into the wall over the uncertain things I saw other fitness professionals do. Nowadays, I try to understand the reasoning behind their approach.

How you train or what you advocate is your move. Every exercise has its place due to the concept of specificity.

That being said, if we're talking about exercises that are the most bang for your buck, it's no question that you've got to hammer down movements that are going to make you strong—and exercises that exhibit high levels of muscular recruitment are going to be your best bet.

Here are four exercises to rule them all.

1. PROWLER/ SLED PUSH

These are a staple in so many strength training programs, and for good reason. They're the best way to lean out with-



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A sled push is a staple in many strength training programs. Here, writer Dre Delos Santos monitors a client as she performs a sled push.

out losing strength and muscle, and from a conditioning standpoint, nothing comes close. You're generating total body tension to push a heavy object. Put it this way, if the zombie apocalypse does happen, at least you'll know that you'll be in excellent condition to be a survivor.

Plus, they make you look

like a badass.

2. LOADED CARRIES

I'm convinced that nothing packs on more muscle than loaded carries. In addition to improved hip stability, walking with a heavy load forces you to engage your core, your upper back, and arms. It's also worth mentioning that it does

4 exercises to rule them all



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The deadlift is highly regarded as the king of all exercises. Here, writer Dre Delos Santos monitors a client as she performs a deadlift.



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Writer Dre Delos Santos demonstrates a front load Bulgarian split.

a heck of job in improving shoulder function.

You can virtually utilize any implement at your disposal—sandbags, kettlebells, dumbbells, trap bar. Just load it up, pick it up, and start walking.

3. DEADLIFT

I'm not going to beat around the bush here. It's no secret that the deadlift is highly regarded as the king of all exercises. You're essentially working everything from your head to your toes. It's the most primitive movement known to man—picking up an object from the floor. It doesn't get any more "functional" than that.

4. BULGARIAN SPLIT SQUATS

I have such an immense adoration for this exercise simply because it rarely causes me or my clients any problem. In fact, I've found them to almost have a universal application (almost anybody can do them).

Heavy squats work wonders, but due to structural limitations, a lot of people are pretty much in quicksand whenever they try to get under the bar and squat. No point in trying to fit a square peg into a round hole. This is why I'm convinced that the Bulgarian split squat is a far better option than conventional squatting. Even with proper form in a back squat, you're bound to run into some problems, whether it'd be hip, lower back, or knee issues. As an aside, you can virtually load as much weight as you can, but with less loading on the spine. It's a win-win.

I'm aware that this is a very short list. You can make a legitimate argument that I've left off other noteworthy exercises. But make no mistake that proper execution of these movements will yield big time results. Vary the intensity and stay consistent.



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Diabetes: The slow killer of the CNMI

Have you been diagnosed with diabetes? Has a family member? Type-2 diabetes can be a manageable condition. However, diabetes is a serious problem to many of our people here in the CNMI due to late diagnosis, which leaves people at risk for developing serious complications of the condition, including stroke, heart disease, blindness, kidney disease, and amputation. Here in the CNMI, many people with the condition show signs of complications by the time they are diagnosed.

According to the American Diabetes Association in 2012, 29.1 million Americans, or 9.3 percent of the population, has been diagnosed with diabetes. Of the 29.1 million Americans, 8.1 million were previously undiagnosed. There are approximately 1.4 million Americans diagnosed with diabetes every year.

Type-2 diabetes is a condition in which our bodies produce less insulin, which is responsible for lowering the amount of sugar in the blood. When the blood sugar becomes too high, it becomes thick, like syrup, causing blood to not circulate as well as it should. Our circulating blood is responsible for providing nutrients, oxygen, and immune defenses to our organs, muscles, and body tissues. The lack of oxygen and nutrients to our heart leads to heart disease; in our eyes leads to blindness; in our kidneys leads to kidney disease; and in our arms and legs will lead to them being amputated. In males, the lack of blood flow can also lead to erectile dysfunction.

On the bright side, type-2 diabetes can be preventable or manageable by adjusting one's lifestyle. You can start by making small changes such as eating healthy and exercising more regularly. Start by substituting sugary drinks for water. Not only will this be a step in the right direction for your body, it can also save you a lot of money. Limit the amount of carbs you eat, like white rice, red rice, and pasta. Eating healthy does not have to be expensive if you buy fresh locally grown produce.

Aim for 30 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity aerobic exercise at least five days a week or a total of 150 minutes a week. Spread your activity out over at least three days during the week and try not to go more than two days in a row without exercising.

Moderate intensity means that you are working hard enough that you can talk, but not sing, during the activity. Vigorous intensity means

that you cannot say more than a few words without pausing for a breath during the activity.

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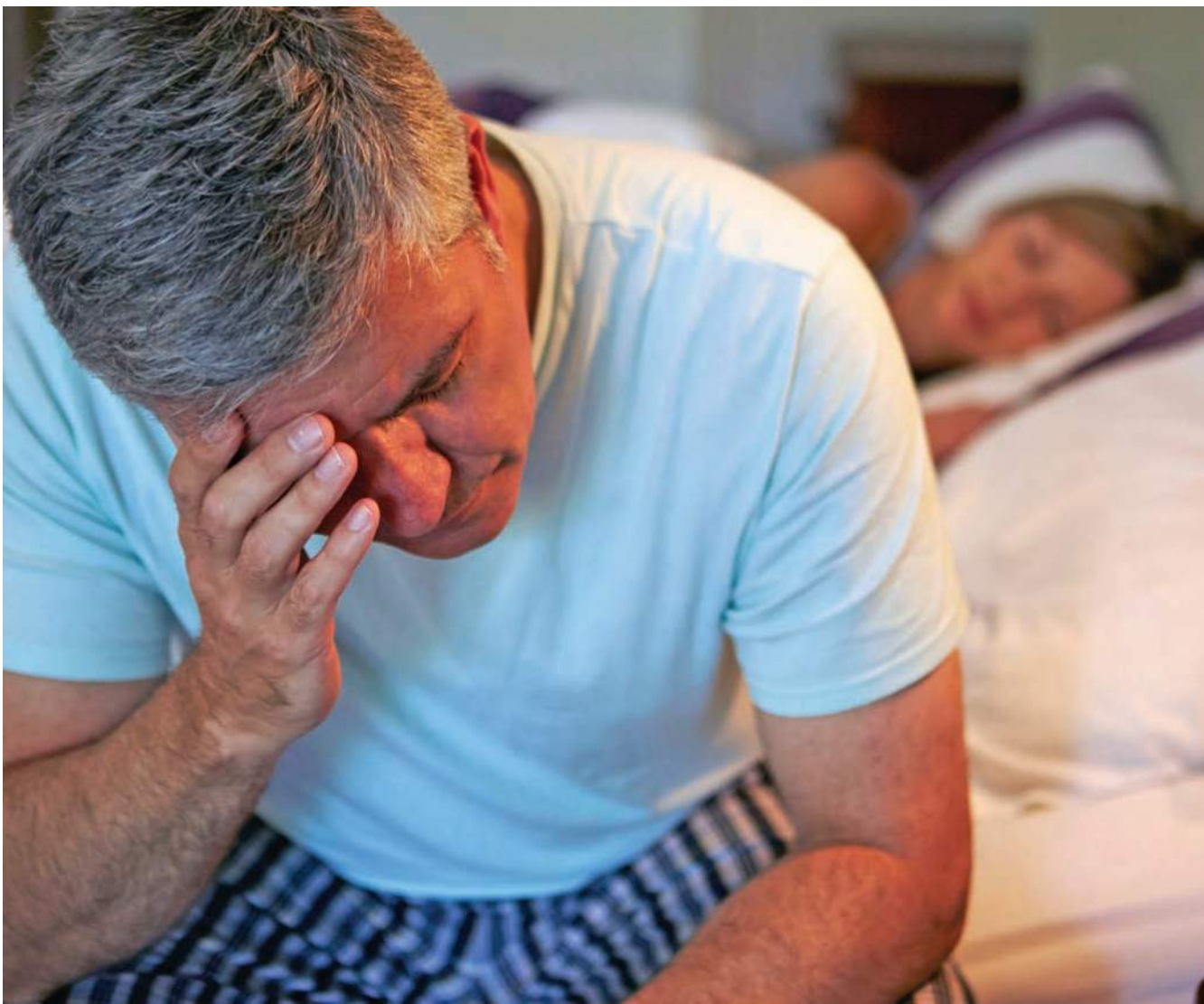
Lack of sleep and risk of high blood pressure

From MAYO CLINIC NEWS
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Dear Mayo Clinic: I've heard that having sleep apnea can increase your blood pressure. What if you don't sleep well but don't have sleep apnea. Does that raise your blood pressure, too?

A: Research suggests that sleeping five hours or less a night can, over time, increase your risk of developing—or worsening—high blood pressure. Sleeping between five and six hours a night also may increase high blood pressure risk. This can occur with or without obstructive sleep apnea, a sleep disorder in which you repeatedly stop and start breathing during sleep.

In one Mayo research study, study participants were restricted to four hours of sleep each night for nine nights. The same participants got nine hours of sleep each night during a second study visit. When they slept four hours, study participants had an average systolic blood pressure reading (top number) during the night that was 10 milli-



DREAMSTIME

Research suggests that sleeping five hours or less a night can, over time, increase your risk of developing or worsening high blood pressure.

meters of mercury (mm Hg) higher than during the nine-hour sleep phase. In addition, the usual blood pressure dip that occurs at night wasn't as pronounced when they were sleep deprived.

It's not fully understood why this occurs, but it's thought that sleep helps regulate stress hormones and helps your nervous system to remain healthy. Over time, lack of sleep could hurt your body's ability to regulate stress hormones, leading to high blood pressure.

Nearly everyone has a bad night or two of sleep now and then, but if you're consistently getting less than six hours of sleep, talk to your doctor about ways to improve your rest. Not only is poor sleep linked to elevated blood pressure, it also can have a big impact on your enjoyment of life and has been associated with other health risks, such as obesity, diabetes, depression, risk of accidents or falls, and even premature death.

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By BARBARA QUINN
THE MONTEREY COUNTY HERALD

What three actions—if we decided to do them—would go a long way to make us a healthier nation? At a recent health summit, Dr. Ali Kahn, Dean of the College of Public Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, said it pretty much boils down to this basic prescription:

- Stop smoking (or don't start).
- Get 150 minutes of physical activity each week.
- Eat 7 servings of fruits and vegetables every day.

Dr. Kahn then took a show of hands to see how many of us actually eat 7 servings (about 4 to 5 cups) of fruits and vegetables each day. Uhhh....

Some folks do, including many who follow a vegetarian eating style. According to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, an estimated 3.3 percent of Americans are vegetarians; they primarily eat a plant-based diet. Some vegetarians include eggs and dairy foods on their menus, some do not. And almost half of vegetarians report being vegan; they avoid all animal foods including eggs, dairy and sometimes even honey (it's an animal food).

What is the nutritional and health impact of eating

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Appropriate vegetarian diets



Large weight loss and diet super food selection in bowls and measuring spoons over bamboo background.

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WHEN IT COMES TO EATING RIGHT AND EXERCISING, THERE IS NO "I'LL START TOMORROW." TOMORROW IS DISEASE.

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Athlete's foot (tinea pedis) is a fungal infection that usually begins between the toes. It commonly occurs in people whose feet have become very sweaty while confined within tight-fitting shoes.

Athlete's foot is closely related to other fungal infections such as ringworm and jock itch. It can be treated with over-the-counter antifungal medications, but the infection often recurs. Prescription medications also are available.

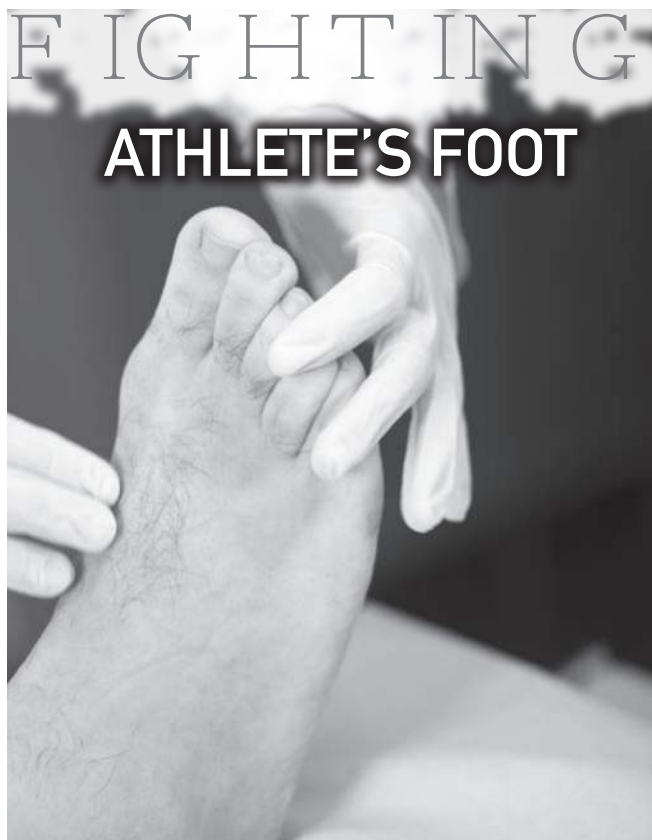
PREVENTION

These tips can help you avoid athlete's foot or ease the symptoms if infection occurs:

- Treat your feet. Try over-the-counter antifungal creams or a drying powder two to three times a day until the rash disappears.

- Keep your feet dry, especially between your toes. Go barefoot to let your feet air out as much as possible when you're home. Dry between your toes after a bath or shower.

- Wear good socks and change socks regularly. If your feet get very sweaty, change your socks twice a day. Buy socks that are made of natural material, such as cotton or wool, or a synthetic fiber designed to draw moisture away from your feet.



- Wear light, well-ventilated shoes. Avoid shoes made of synthetic material, such as vinyl or rubber.

- Alternate pairs of shoes. Don't wear the same pair every day so that you give your shoes time to dry after each use.

- Protect your feet in public places. Wear waterproof sandals or shoes around public pools, showers and lockers rooms.

- Treat your feet. Use powder, preferably antifungal, on your feet daily.

- Don't share shoes. Shar-

ing risks spreading a fungal infection.

SYMPTOMS

Athlete's foot usually causes a scaly red rash. The rash typically begins in between the toes. Itching is often the worst right after you take off your shoes and socks. Some types of athlete's foot feature blisters or ulcers. The moccasin variety of athlete's foot causes chronic dryness and scaling on the soles that extends up the side of the foot. It can be

mistaken for eczema or even as dry skin. The infection can affect one or both feet and can spread to your hand — especially if you scratch or pick at the infected parts of your feet.

WHEN TO SEE A DOCTOR

If you have a rash on your foot that doesn't improve after self-treatment, see your doctor. If you have diabetes, see your doctor if you suspect you have athlete's foot, especially if you notice any signs of a possible secondary bacterial infection such as excessive redness, swelling, drainage or fever.

CAUSES

Athlete's foot is caused by the same type of fungus that causes ringworm and jock itch. Damp socks and shoes and warm, humid conditions favor the organisms' growth.

Although locker rooms and public showers are often blamed for spreading athlete's foot, the environment inside your shoes is probably more important. Athlete's foot is contagious and can be spread by contact with an infected person or from contact with contaminated surfaces, such as towels, floors and shoes is probably more important. Athlete's foot becomes more common with age.

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DIETS

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a vegetarian diet? Here are some facts from the latest position paper on this topic from the AND:

Vegetarian (including vegan) diets are healthful and nutritionally adequate if they are appropriately planned. A soda and french fries is not an appropriately planned vegetarian diet, for example. Rather, a plan that includes vegetables, fruits, whole grains, legumes, nuts and seeds is more on target, say nutrition experts.

Most vegetarian diets contain enough protein to meet one's needs, especially when legumes such as beans and soy products are eaten regularly. One exception: Fruitarian diets—those based mostly on fruit—are typically low in protein and other essential nutrients.

Compared to meat eaters, vegetarians tend to have lower stores of iron—a nutrient essential for carrying oxygen to every nook and cranny of our bodies. This may not always be a disadvantage, however. Too much stored iron can be a risk factor for metabolic syndrome, a condition that can lead to diabetes and other chronic diseases. Iron from plant sources is not absorbed as efficiently as the iron in animal foods. Yet re-

cent studies have found that the body can adapt over time to become more efficient at absorbing iron from non-animal foods.

Although many plant-based foods such as spinach and Swiss chard contain calcium, only about 5 percent of this essential mineral is absorbed into the body due to the high oxalate content of these foods. Vegetarians who avoid dairy foods therefore need to be vigilant to consume calcium sources from low oxalate vegetables such as kale, turnip greens, Chinese cabbage and bok choy. Other plant sources of calcium for vegetarians include tofu made with calcium salts, figs, almonds white beans, oranges and tahini (a condiment made from sesame seeds).

Need more expert information on vegetarian diets? Check out the consumer website provided by the Vegetarian Nutrition Dietetic Practice Group at www.vndpg.org.

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Personal Trainer

Best exercises for abs

In a scientific study comparing 13 exercises for the "six-pack" abdominal muscle, rectus abdominus, these were the most effective.

Bicycle maneuver
Lie on back; lift knees to 45-degree angle; make pedaling motion, touching each knee with opposite elbow

Captain's chair
Done on common piece of gym equipment; slowly lift and lower knees together, maintaining good control

Crunch on exercise ball
Sit with feet flat; slowly roll until ball is under lower back, thighs and trunk are horizontal; raise upper body to 45 degree angle or less, then lower

Rectus abdominus

Source: American Council on Exercise, San Diego State University Biomechanics Lab
Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Paul Trap, Tribune News Service

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Wrong injury diagnosis

These serious injuries, common in sports, are the ones that are most often overlooked or misdiagnosed by trainers and physicians.

Concussion
Blow to the head that causes unconsciousness or changes in perception or awareness
Person should be examined by a physician

Achilles tendon rupture
Usually makes popping sound; partial rupture may cause little pain, be mistaken for sprain

Femoral neck stress fracture
Usually caused by intense running; vague groin or thigh pain is often misdiagnosed as strain or tendinitis

Anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injury
Often misdiagnosed as sprain or collateral ligament knee strain

Scaphoid fracture
Falling onto hands breaks small bone in wrist; often diagnosed as sprain

Source: Exercise physiologist Elizabeth Quinn
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Do I really need HPV vaccine? **Yes!**

You should get HPV vaccine because it can prevent some types of cancer and genital warts.



Why do I need more than 1 shot?

You need a series of HPV shots to be fully protected.



Do I need it if I haven't had sex yet? **Yes!**

- You can get HPV by skin-to-skin intimate contact.
- People can get and spread HPV without knowing it.
- It's best to get vaccinated before you ever have sex



I didn't get the vaccine at age 11. Should I get it now? **Yes!**

HPV vaccination is recommended for people ages 9 through 26. Even though it is ideal to get HPV vaccine at age 11, it is still highly effective in teens and young adults.



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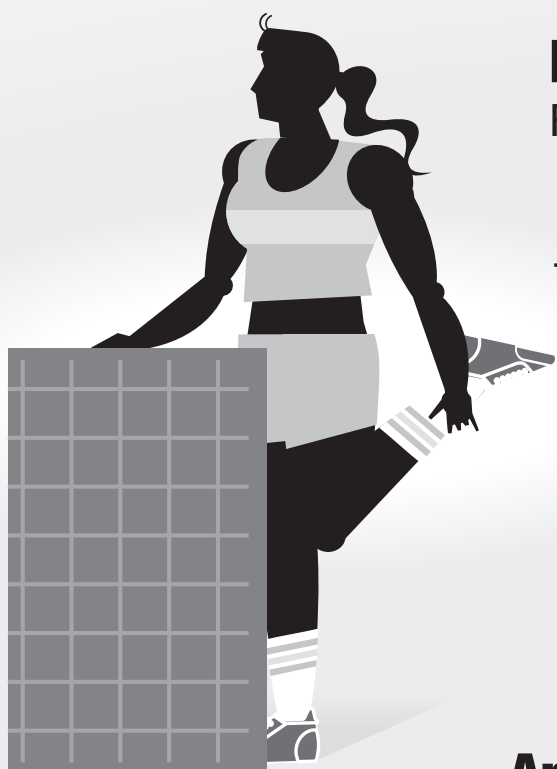
Other Tel. Nos.: 236-8745/8780/81/83 • For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines

Personal Trainer

Some easy flexibility tests

These tests can be used to monitor improvement when working to improve your flexibility or to judge how well a particular exercise works.

Test both sides; you may have significant difference between sides



Knee test

Face a low wall and see how far upward foot can be pulled

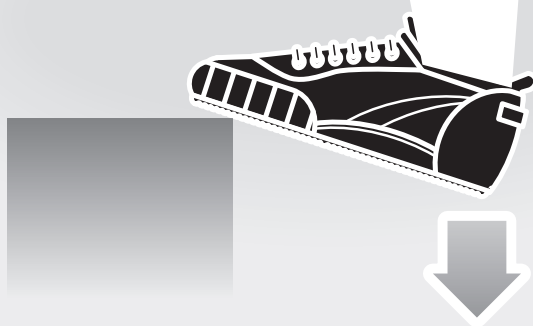
Hip test, rear

Face low wall and see how far back foot can be placed



Ankle test

With toe on step, see how far down heel can be lowered without pushing



Hip test, side

Sitting upright, see how far knee can be lowered without pushing



Shoulder test

See how high straight arms can be lifted

Elbow test

See how straight arms can be held, palms up



Wrist test

See how far wrist can be flexed against wall



Source: The Complete Idiot's Guide to Healthy Stretching
Graphic: Helen Lee McComas and Paul Trap, Tribune News Service

Business

Trump criticism of Nordstrom raises conflict concern

NEW YORK (AP)—Where the White House saw a father standing up for his daughter, an ethics expert saw an implicit threat.

President Donald Trump lashed out Wednesday at Nordstrom, the latest company to draw his Twitter attention, saying the department store chain that decided to stop selling his daughter’s clothing and accessory line has treated her “so unfairly.”

Though Trump has tweeted in the past about companies such as the U.S. automakers, Boeing and Carrier, his action drew a rebuke from ethics experts saying the fact that this one was about a business run by his daughter raised conflict-of-interest concerns. Trump’s tweet follows revelations that First Lady Melania Trump expected to develop “multi-million dollar business relationships” tied to her presence in the White House, according to a suit she filed.

In the tweet, Trump said, “My daughter Ivanka has been treated so unfairly by @Nordstrom. She is a great person—always pushing me to do the right thing! Terrible!” Posted first on his personal account, it was re-tweeted more than 6,000 times in less than an hour. It was also retweeted by the official @POTUS account.

Trump’s presidency has raised unprecedented concerns about ethical conflicts. His plan to separate himself from his sprawling real estate business has been criticized by ethics experts, who say it doesn’t do enough to make sure that Trump won’t make decisions to personally benefit himself, his family or his company. The first lady has yet to step away from her companies that manage her royalties from her namesake products, business documents show.

Kathleen Clark, a government ethics expert, said the Nordstrom tweet is problematic because other retailers may think twice now about dropping the Ivanka Trump brand for fear of getting criticized publicly by the president. She said it was especially disturbing that Trump retweeted his message on the official White House account.

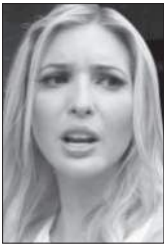
“The implicit threat was that he will use whatever authority he has to retaliate against Nordstrom, or anyone who crosses his interest,” said Clark, a law professor at Washington University in St. Louis.

Clark defended the president’s right to use his personal Twitter account to express his

views, noting that government workers recently set up alt-EPA accounts to criticize the president’s policies. “A government employee, even a president, is allowed to tweet in his personal capacity.”

Trump has feuded with several consumer brands before and after winning the presidency. After Macy’s dropped his

line of ties and shirts in 2015 over his comments about immigrants, Trump singled Macy’s out for having a tough holiday season. “Good news, disloyal @Macy’s stock is in a total free fall. Don’t shop there for Christmas,” he tweeted. And in January of this year, he scolded General




Trump

Motors for “sending Mexican made model of Chevy

Cruze to U.S. car dealers-tax free across border.” “Make

in U.S.A. or pay big border tax,” he said.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Procurement, Delivery, Training and Certification of Brand New Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Equipment For the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport Project No. CPA-RFP-006-17

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified companies to procure and deliver brand new self-contained breathing (SCBA) equipment for the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Departments at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, the Tinian International Airport and the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport. Proposals are to include procurement, delivery, training and certification of equipment to each respective airport.

The equipment shall include the quantities and details and product specifications as provided within the scope of work. The scope and product data are available for pick up at the CPA Administration Office.

The proposals shall include the following:

1. Letter of interest;
2. Team Members;
3. Related past project performance (include commendations or certifications, if available);
4. Available resources to accomplish the project;
5. Cost proposal (in itemized SOW format); and
6. Valid Business License.

The contract period for procurement, delivery and certification will be based on the bidder's proposal. However, liquidated damages of \$500.00 shall be assessed the winning bidder for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the acceptance date without approved excuse by CPA.

One original and four copies of all proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked with the respective RFP description to the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd floor of the Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, no later than 4:30 p.m., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders responding to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the procurement, including excise tax and associated shipping costs.

The procurement is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold the contract award for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of receipt of proposals.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 40-50-225. Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Total cost for equipment procurement, delivery, training and certification	40%
2. Timeframe for delivery, programming, training and certification	30%
3. Experience of the firm on similar or related systems	15%
4. Qualifications of the principal(s) and assigned staff	15%


Questions and inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals shall be submitted in writing at least fourteen (14) days prior to proposal submission date and may be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to Assistant ARFF Chief William Camacho at bcamacho@cpa.gov.mp.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: January 18, 2017



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ATTORNEYS FOR Plaintiff
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff,
-v-
RAMON M. SAKISSAT, aka MARTIN RAMON M. SAKISAT, and the ESTATE OF FRANCISCA T. SAKISAT, Defendants.
CIVIL ACTION NO.: 14-0080


FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on July 8, 2016, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot no. 005 I 523, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 748 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat no. 2084/82, the original of which was registered with the Lands Registry as Document no. 14232 dated May 14, 1982, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.
Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, March 17, 2017, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.
Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.
DATED, this 3rd day of February, 2017:
/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer



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NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff,
-v-
DENITA S. NAPUTLAND ALBERT RAY CEPEDA, Defendants.
CIVIL ACTION NO.: 15-0139


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Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, March 17, 2017, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.
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NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff,
-v-
JOAQUIN CABRERA LIZAMA AND MARY FRANCES DANFORD-LIZAMA, Defendants.
CIVIL ACTION NO.: 15-0140

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE
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Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, March 17, 2017, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.
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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-17-016
FEASIBILITY STUDY OF WATER SUPPLY ALTERNATIVES FOR THE ISLAND OF SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities for professional services to prepare a comparative feasibility assessment of water supply treatment alternatives, including desalination (RO and thermal/evaporative). The assessment will compare, at a minimum, location, type, size, cost, and funding options for each alternative to implement, construct and operate.

The scope of work and solicitation package will be emailed upon request, by the CUC Procurement and Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays. Prospective Proposers for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement and Supply Division.

A mandatory pre-proposal conference will be conducted at the CUC Conference Room No. 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building on **February 15, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. (ChST)**. A teleconference number will be provided to interested off-island participants to call in and attend.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC RFP-17-016 - Feasibility Study of Water Supply Alternatives for the Island of Saipan” to the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P. O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **March 02, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible Proposers who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competitive Proposers.

All Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the offeror due to lack of information of understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award of a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

Proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws. This bid and the ensuring contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.


All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, which will become the obligation of the proponent, awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI business license in compliance with the licensing laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of the contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>. Proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on February 17, 2017**, to Manuel B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address at manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to William Gilmore, CUC Deputy Executive Director via email address william.gilmore@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant, via email address at marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

WILLIAM GILMORE
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator



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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Re-Announcement No. 16-001
POSITION TITLE: Program Coordinator I (Institutional Marketing)
Department: Office of Institutional Advancement
Pay Level & Step: 20/01 – 20/02
Annual Salary: \$24,330.79 – \$25,182.37
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 1/12/2017
Closing Date: Until Filled

Re-Announcement No. 16-010
POSITION TITLE: Instructor (Hospitality/Tourism)
Department: Business
Pay Level & Step: 32/01 – 32/02
Annual Salary: \$41,527.83 - \$42,981.30
Location: As Terlaje Campus
Opening Date: 1/11/2017
Closing Date: Until Filled

Announcement No. 16-031
POSITION TITLE: Clinical Instructor (Nursing)
Department: Nursing
Pay Level & Step: 30/01 – 31/02
Annual Salary: \$38,394.81 – \$39,738.63
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 11/09/2016
Closing Date: Until Filled

Re-Announcement No. 16-033
POSITION TITLE: Scientist, Horticulture/Crop
Department: CREES
Pay Level & Step: 35/01 - 35/02
Annual Salary: \$51,330.34 - \$53,126.90
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 2/2/2017
Closing Date: Until Filled

Re-Announcement No. 16-034
POSITION TITLE: Program Manager I (UCEDD)
Department: Administration and Resource Development
Pay Level & Step: 28/01 - 28/02
Annual Salary: \$35,674.68 - \$36,923.30
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 1/11/17
Closing Date: Until Filled

Re-Announcement No. 16-039
POSITION TITLE: Accountant I - II (Accounts Payable)
Department: Finance
Pay Level & Step: 26/01 – 28/02
Annual Salary: I: \$32,419.71-\$33,554.40 / II: \$35,674.68-\$36,923.30
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 2/1/2017
Closing Date: Until Filled

Announcement No. 16-041
POSITION TITLE: Coordinator, Distance Learning Education
Department: Academic Programs & Services
Pay Level & Step: 32/01 - 32/02
Annual Salary: \$43,197.84 - \$44,709.77
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 12/09/2016
Closing Date: Until Filled

Announcement No. 16-042
POSITION TITLE: Department Chair II
Department: Sciences, Math, Health, and Athletics
Pay Level & Step: 34/01 – 34/02
Annual Salary: \$49,356.09 - \$51,083.56
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 12/9/2016
Closing Date: Until Filled

Re-Announcement No. 16-043
POSITION TITLE: Director, Project PROA
Department: Administration and Resource Development
Pay Level & Step: 33/01 – 35/02
Annual Salary: \$45,314.54 – \$51,609.40 (Depending on Qualifications)
Location: Saipan Campus
Opening Date: 2/6/2017
Closing Date: 2/16/2017 or Until Filled

Announcement No. 17-001
POSITION TITLE: Coordinator, Prior Learning
Department: Academic Programs and Services
Pay Level & Step: 32/01- 32/02
Annual Salary: \$43,197.84 - \$44,709.77
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 1/03/2017
Closing Date: Until Filled

Announcement No. 17-002
POSITION TITLE: Instructor (Science)
Department: Sciences, Mathematics, Health, & Athletics
Pay Level & Step: 32/01 – 32/02
Annual Salary: \$41,527.83 – \$42,981.30
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 1/3/2017
Closing Date: Until Filled

Announcement No. 17-005
POSITION TITLE: Extension Agent (Agriculture/Community Development)
Department: CREES (Rota Site)
Pay Level & Step: 29/01 – 29/02
Annual Salary: \$40,567.11 - \$41,986.96
Location: Rota, CNMI
Opening Date: 1/19/2017
Closing Date: Until Filled

Announcement No. 17-006
POSITION TITLE: Program Lead: Extension and Research Communications Specialist
Department: CREES
Pay Level & Step: 32/01 – 35/02
Annual Salary: \$45,632.48 - \$53,126.90 (Depending on Qualifications)
Location: Saipan, CNMI
Opening Date: 1/23/2017
Closing Date: Until Filled

Announcement No. 17-007
POSITION TITLE: Marketing Manager
Department: Office of Institutional Advancement
Pay Level & Step: 32/01 – 32/02
Annual Salary: \$43,197.84 - \$44,709.77
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 1/30/2017
Closing Date: Until Filled

Announcement No. 17-008
POSITION TITLE: Instructor (Fine Arts Visual)
Department: Social Sciences and Fine Arts
Pay Level & Step: 32/01 – 32/02
Annual Salary: \$41,527.83 - \$42,981.30
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 2/3/2017
Closing Date: 2/13/2017 or Until Filled

Announcement No. 17-009
POSITION TITLE: Administrative Assistant III
Department: Sciences, Mathematics, Health, & Athletics
Minimum Pay Level & Step: 19/01 – 19/02
Minimum Annual Salary: \$23,194.27 - \$24,006.07
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 1/31/2017
Closing Date: Until Filled

Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm on the closing date. If there are no qualified applicants or the set of qualified applicants is deemed an insufficient pool, the closing date will be extended for two-week periods for further submission and review of applications until the search is closed. Deadlines that fall on a non-business day will be extended to the next business day. All salaries are subject to availability of funds. The College is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Nation

Senate confirms Jeff Sessions for attorney general

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate on Wednesday confirmed Sen. Jeff Sessions to be attorney general in the Trump administration despite fierce Democratic opposition to the Alabama Republican over his record on civil rights and immigration.

The 52-47 nearly party-line vote capped weeks of divisive battles over Sessions, an early supporter of President Donald Trump and one of the Senate’s most conservative lawmakers. After the vote was announced, Sessions’ Republican colleagues applauded the outcome while barely a handful of Democrats did the same.

In a post-vote valedictory speech, Sessions alluded to the bitter partisanship and wished for more collegiality.

“Denigrating people who disagree with us, I think, is not a healthy trend for our body,”

he said.

Since Trump tapped Sessions, Democrats have laced into the lawmaker, casting him as too cozy with Trump and too harsh on immigrants. They asserted he wouldn’t do enough to protect voting rights of minorities, protections for gays and the legal right of women to obtain an abortion. They fear immigrants in the country illegally won’t receive due process with Sessions as the top law enforcement officer.

“His record raises doubts about whether he can be a champion for those who need this office most and it also raises doubts about whether he can curb unlawful overreach” by Trump, said Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va.

Republicans say Sessions has demonstrated over a long career in public service—and two decades in the Senate—

Company to resume work to finish Dakota Access pipeline

CANNON BALL, N.D. (AP)—With the green light from the federal government, the company building the Dakota Access oil pipeline said Wednesday it plans to resume work immediately to finish the long-stalled project. Opponents of the \$3.8 billion project meanwhile protested around the country in an action some dubbed their “last stand.”

The Army on Wednesday granted the developer of the four-state oil pipeline formal permission to lay pipe under a Missouri River reservoir in North Dakota, clearing the way for completion of the dis-

puted project.

“We plan to begin immediately,” Vicki Granado, a spokeswoman for developer Energy Transfer Partners, said in an email to The Associated Press Wednesday night.

Work had been stalled for months due to opposition by the Standing Rock Sioux, but President Donald Trump last month instructed the Army Corps of Engineers to advance pipeline construction.

The tribe fears a pipeline leak could contaminate its drinking water. ETP says the pipeline is safe.

“Now, we all need to work

Confirmation votes

Certain appointees, including all Cabinet-level secretaries, have to be confirmed by a majority of the U.S. Senate. Vice President Mike Pence cast the tie-breaking vote in Betsy DeVos’ confirmation.

Nominee	Department	Vote date	Yays	Nays
John Kelly	Homeland Security	Jan. 20	88	11
James Mattis	Defense	Jan. 20	98	1
Mike Pompeo	CIA	Jan. 23	66	32
Nikki Haley	U.N. ambassador	Jan. 24	96	4
Elaine Chao	Transportation	Jan. 31	93	6
Rex Tillerson	State	Feb. 1	55	43
Betsy DeVos	Education	Feb. 7	51	50

Source: U.S. Senate

Graphic: Tribune News Service

that he possesses integrity and honesty and is committed to justice.

“He’s honest. He’s fair. He’s been a friend to many of us, on both sides of the aisle,” Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said.

“It’s been tough to watch all this good man has been put through in recent weeks. This is a well-qualified colleague with a deep reverence for the law. He believes strongly in the equal application of it to everyone.”


together to make sure the project is completed safely and with as little disruption to the community as possible. This has been a very difficult issue for everyone who lives and works in the area,” U.S. Sen. John Hoeven, a North Dakota Republican, said in a statement announcing that the final easement had been granted.

Some members of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe, which has been at the center of the debate for nearly a year, urged “emergency actions” via social media. The Indigenous Environmental Network told people to target fuel-transportation

hubs and government buildings and to expect violence and mass arrests.

Protesters posted an online list of about 50 events nationwide. There were large rallies, including one outside the White House, and smaller ones, such as in Des Moines, Iowa.

A group of protesters in Chicago targeted a bank, and another group went to an Army Corps of Engineers office in New York City but was asked to leave when they started filming without a permit. Several people were arrested for blocking public access to a federal building in San Francisco.



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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PERIMETER FENCE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
AIP NO. 3-69-0003-27/XX

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms to perform construction management (CM) services for replacement of the perimeter security fence at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, AIP No. 3-69-0003-27/XX, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project is being funded by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and the Commonwealth Ports Authority. This project is in accordance with CPAs Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Scope of Work (SOW) includes overall construction management services for the duration of the project. Details are available at CPAs Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package.

Questions regarding this request for qualification (RFQ) statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, Executive Assistant/Project Manager, in writing via hand delivery to the CPA Administration Office, via fax to (670) 664-3533 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Monday, January 30, 2017, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Overall CM experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands – 30 points;
- CM experience related to airport and security related project requirements funded in whole or in part by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); – 30 points;
- Level of proficiency in performing CM services promptly; and level of experience with the FAA regulations and requirements and AIP grants – 15 points;
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AIRFIELD MARKING REPLACEMENT PROJECT
AIP NO. 3-69-0011-27/XX

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms to perform construction management (CM) services for replacement of the airfield markings at Tinian International Airport, AIP No. 3-69-0011-27/XX, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Asia

Amid tensions, China planning policies to attract Taiwanese

BEIJING (AP)—China is drafting policies to attract Taiwanese to live and work on the mainland, a government spokesman said Wednesday, in a direct appeal to the island’s population amid a deepening political standoff between the governments in Taipei and Beijing.

The Cabinet’s Taiwan Affairs Office said Wednesday that residents of the self-governing island democracy will be offered incentives in employment, education and government benefits.

Speaking at a bimonthly news conference, spokesman An Fengshan said the measures, to be rolled out at a time yet to be determined, aim to boost “economic and social integration between the sides.”

Beijing froze government-to-government contacts with Taiwan in June over Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen’s refusal to endorse the concept of a single Chinese nation. Since then, Beijing has been increasing diplomatic and economic pressure on the island it claims as its own territory.

The latest measures appear to represent the carrot to that stick, although previous attempts to win over Taiwanese through the pocketbook have had little effect. Around 1 million Taiwanese are believed to live in China, either full or part time, mainly for work and study.

An also lashed out at plans to visit Taiwan by the exiled leader of a Chinese ethnic minority regarded by Beijing as seeking independence for the vast northwestern region of Xinjiang.

President of the World Uyghur Congress Rebiya Kadeer plans to travel to the island at the end of next month at the invitation of a minor pro-independence political party, the Taiwan Solidarity Union, which is allied with Tsai’s Democratic Progressive Party.

“We are resolutely opposed to Rebiya Kadeer engaging in activities in Taiwan in any form. In inviting this person to visit Taiwan, Taiwan independence forces are seeking to create an incident which is sure to undermine relations between the sides,” An said.

Kadeer was imprisoned for more than five years in China for her advocacy of rights for Xinjiang’s native Muslim Uyghurs, also spelled Uyghur, and was exiled to the United States in 2005. She denies China’s accusation that she backs a violent campaign to overthrow Chinese rule in Xinjiang.

China already affords Taiwanese considerable advantages, including the right to enter the mainland and remain as long as their “Taiwan Compatriots Pass”—a quasi-passport—remains valid.

Drawn by linguistic and cultural affinity, Taiwanese were among the biggest investors in China as it opened its economy in the 1980s and 1990s. China absorbs about two-thirds of Taiwan’s outward investment and around 40 percent of its foreign trade.

A 360-degree view of China’s deadly smog

BEIJING (AP)—When the smog descends over northern China, turning blue skies gray and thickening the air, Cai Fujian can feel his lungs tightening and he begins to cough.

The 65-year-old retiree says he’s too old to take steps to combat the heavy pollution like wearing a mask, but he does watch television news reports about the particles in the air that damage lung tissue and kill thousands of people each year.

For weeks at a time, China’s smog transforms cities across the industrial north into quiet, gray shells of their normal selves.

The Associated Press visited several spots in Beijing during and after a December “red alert,” the highest level in China’s four-tiered smog warning system. The AP used a 360-degree camera to record the difference the smog makes at each location.

AP journalists first took video when levels of PM2.5—the microscopic particles that clog and destroy lung tissue—were more than 15 times the level considered safe by the World Health Organization. Nearly half a billion people were affected during the December red alert, according to Greenpeace East Asia.

Outside Beijing’s Forbidden City, the sprawling home of ancient emperors, streets normally bustling with vendors were largely empty.

Inside the Temple of Heaven to the south, only a few tourists were standing atop its marble altar, and wide views of the city had been obliterated.

And along the city’s busiest roads, traffic was thin and the tops of nearby skyscrapers were all but lost in the encircling miasma.

Then the AP visited the same spots days later, after the smog had dispersed.

At the Temple of Heaven, couples were dancing to Chinese tunes blaring from a portable loudspeaker, looping and circling around a plaza. Cai, the retiree, sat with friends nearby, engaged in a card game.

As he walked through the park, Cai related his experience with smog, describing lines of coal-burning factories along the massive highways circling Beijing, belching out flames and smoke like “dragons of fire.”

The heavy reliance on coal to power those factories and the surfeit of older, inefficient cars on the roads are widely acknowledged as the main reasons for China’s problems with pollution.



A woman seeks job vacancy information from a man at a job fair at the Beijing's Talented Market in Beijing, Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP NO.: CPA-RFP-007-17

SUBMISSION DATE: MARCH 03, 2017 **TIME: 4:00 P.M.**

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PROPOSAL PACKAGE MAY BE OBTAIN AT THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, 2ND FLOOR, ARRIVAL BUILDING, SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BEGINNING FEBRUARY 03, 2017, UPON PAYMENT OF \$150.00 AT CPA ACCOUNTING OFFICE.

A PREPOSAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE CPA PROCUREMENT OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR, TERMINAL DEPARTURE BUILDING, SAIPAN AIRPORT.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CPA PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIA SECTION §40-50-1020 AND §40-50-1025 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS
FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES**
**FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PASSENGER
LOADING BRIDGES REPLACEMENT PROJECT**
AIP NO. 3-69-0002-87/XX

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms to perform construction management (CM) services for replacement of passenger loading bridges at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, AIP No. 3-69-0002-87/XX, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS
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**BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
AIRFIELD MARKING & SIGNAGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**
AIP NO. 3-69-0003-26/XX

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms to perform construction management (CM) services for replacement of the airfield markings and signage at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, AIP No. 3-69-0003-26/XX, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Focus

Voters

await economic revival in a part of pro-Trump America

By **CLAIRE GALOFARO**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, Wis. (AP)—She tugged 13 envelopes from a cabinet above the stove, each one labeled with a different debt: the house payment, the student loans, the vacuum cleaner she bought on credit.

Lydia Holt and her husband tuck money into these envelopes with each paycheck to whittle away at what they owe. They both earn about \$10 an hour and, with two kids, there are usually some they can't fill. She did the math; at this rate, they'll be paying these same bills for 87 years.

In 2012, Holt voted for Barack Obama because he promised her change, but she feels that change hasn't reached her here. So last year she chose a presidential candidate unlike any she'd ever seen, the billionaire businessman who promised to help America, and people like her, win again.

Many of her neighbors did, too—so many that for the first time in more than 30 years, Crawford County, Wisconsin, a sturdy brick in the once-mighty Big Blue Wall, abandoned the Democratic Party and that wall crumbled. The rural county lent Donald Trump 3,844 votes toward his win. More came from formerly blue counties to the north and to the south, and on and on. Some 50 counties stretching 300 miles down the Mississippi River—through Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois—transformed in one election season into Trump Country.

They voted for Trump for an array of reasons, and the list of grievances they hope he now corrects is long and exacting: stagnant wages, the cost of health care, a hard-to-define feeling that things are not getting better, at least not for people like them.

Here in Crawford County, residents often recite two facts about their hometown, the first one proudly: It is the second-oldest community in the state. The next is that it's also one of the poorest.

There are no rusted-out factories to embody this discontent. The main street of Prairie du Chien butts up to the Mississippi River and bustles with tourists come summer. Pickup trucks crowd parking lots at the 3M plant and Cabela's distribution center where hundreds work. Just a few vacant storefronts hint at the seething resentment that life still seems harder here than it should.

In this place that astonished America when it helped hand Trump the White House, many of those who chose him greeted the frenetic

opening acts of his presidency with a shrug. Immigration is not their top concern, and so they watched with some trepidation as Trump signed orders to build a wall on the Mexican border and bar immigrants from seven Muslim countries, sowing chaos around the world.

Among them is a woman who works for \$10.50 an hour in a sewing factory, who still admires Obama, bristles at Trump's bluster, but can't afford health insurance. And the dairy farmer who thinks Trump is a jerk—"somebody needs to get some Gorilla Glue and glue his lips shut"—but has watched his profits plummet and was willing to take the risk.

There's a man who owns an engine repair shop and struggles to keep the lights on, and a bartender who cringes when he sees "Made in China" printed on American goods.

There's also Holt, who makes \$400 a week as a lawyer's assistant and whose husband doesn't do much better at a car parts store. She is enthusiastic that Trump started quickly doing the things he said he would, because she worries that by the time their sons grow up there will be nothing left for them here.

In this corner of middle America, in this one, small slice of the nation that sent Trump to Washington, they are watching and they are waiting, their hopes pinned on his promised economic renaissance. And if four years from now the change he pledged hasn't found them here, the people of Crawford County said they might change again to someone else.

Katherine Cramer, a political science professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, coined a name for what's happened in her state's rural pockets: the politics of resentment.

She spent years traveling to small towns

and talking to people at diners and gas stations. And when she asked which political party best represented them, their answers almost always sounded something like, "Are you crazy lady? Neither party is representing people around here."

"People have been looking for a politician who is going to change that, going to listen to them, do it differently," she said. "People a lot of times don't have specifics about what that means. They just know that however government is operating currently is not working for them."

In Crawford County, with just 16,000 residents, that dissatisfaction stems from feeling left behind as other places prospered.

There are plenty of jobs in retail or on factory floors, but it's hard to find one that pays more than \$12 an hour. Ambitious young people leave and don't come back. Rural schools are dwindling, and with

them a sense of pride and purpose.

Still, much of the economic anxiety is based not on measurable decay, but rather a perception that life is decaying, said Jim Bowman, director of the county's Economic Development Corporation.

There are higher-paying jobs—in welding, for example—but companies can't find enough workers with the right training, Bowman said. The county's \$44,000-a-year median household income is \$9,000 less than the state's, but the cost of living is lower, too.

Just 15 percent of adults have college degrees, half the national average, and yet the ratio of people living in poverty is below the country as a whole.

Crawford County and all the other places in the county cluster along the Mississippi River that switched from Obama to Trump rank roughly in the middle on a scale of American comfort in one economic think tank's county-by-county appraisal of community distress.

Yet for many here, it doesn't feel that way. "If you ask anybody here, we'll all tell you the same thing: We're tired of living like this. We've been railroaded, run over by the politicians and run over by laws," said Mark Berns, leaning through the service window in the small-engine repair shop downtown that he can barely keep open anymore. He drives a 14-year-old truck with 207,000 miles on it because he doesn't make enough profit to buy a new one.

Berns watched Trump's first days in office half-hopeful, half-frightened.

"He jumps on every bandwagon there is. It's a mess," he said, bemoaning what he described as a quantity-over-quality, "sign, sign, sign" approach to governing. "I just hope we get the jobs back and the economy on its feet, so everybody can get a decent job and make a decent living, and have that chance at the American dream that's gone away over the past eight or 10 years."

"I'm still optimistic," he said, sighing. "I hope I'm not wrong."

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Marlene Kramer gets to work before the sun comes up and spends her days sitting at a sewing machine, stitching sports uniforms for \$10.50

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An ice fisherman walks out on a frozen portion of the Mississippi River in Prairie du Chien, Wis., Friday, Jan. 20, 2017. In this corner of middle America, in this one, small slice of the nation that sent Trump to Washington, they are watching and they are waiting, their hopes pinned on his promised economic renaissance. And if four years from now the change he pledged hasn't found them here, the people of Crawford County might change again to someone else.

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an hour.

Kramer, who voted twice for Obama, used to watch Trump on “Celebrity Apprentice.” “I said to myself ‘Ugh, I can’t stand him.’” When he announced his candidacy, she thought it was a joke. “Then my husband said to me, ‘Just think, everything he touches seems to turn to money.’” And she changed her mind.

She’s 54, and she’s worked since she was 14, all hard jobs: feeding cows, pulling weeds, standing all day on factory floors. Now it’s the sewing shop, where she’s happy and gets to sit. But there’s no health insurance.

Her bosses, brothers Todd and Scott Yeomans, opened the factory 12 years ago. They said they’re trying to do the right thing by making sportswear with American-made fabrics and American labor. But they compete against factories overseas.

They’d like to offer insurance. The other day, a trusted worker quit for a job with benefits. But they’ve run the numbers and it would cost

\$200,000 a year—far more than they can spend.

Kramer said she’s glad the Affordable Care Act has helped millions get insurance. But it hasn’t helped her.

She and her husband were stunned to find premiums over \$1,000 a month. Her daughter recently moved into their house with her five children, so there’s no money to spare. They opted to pay the penalty of \$2,000, and pray they don’t get sick until Trump, she hopes, keeps his promise to replace the law with something better.

Kramer thinks Obama did as good a job as he could in the time he had. She admires him, still, but went with Trump. That doesn’t seem incongruous to her, just a simple calculation of results.

“His things aren’t going the way we want them here,” she said, “so we needed to go in another direction.”

Across town, Robbo Coleman leaned over the bar he tends and described a similar political about-face. He held up an ink pen, wrapped in plastic stamped “Made in China.”

“I don’t see why we can’t make pens in Prairie du Chien or in Louisville, Kentucky, or

in Alabama or wherever,” said Coleman. “Trump brought something to the table that I haven’t heard or seen before. And if it doesn’t turn out, then, hey, at least we tried.”

Coleman doesn’t love Trump’s moves to build a wall or ban certain immigrants—all Americans descended from immigrants, he said, including his own relatives, who migrated from Germany too many generations ago to count. But he’s frustrated that other politicians stopped listening to working people like him.

“We’ve got to give him some time,” he said of Trump. “He’s not Houdini.”

Even some rural Wisconsin Democrats agreed with Coleman’s assessment, and think their party’s leaders are among those who stopped paying attention to those just trying to get by. On the same day that Trump took the oath of office, a group of them huddled in the back room of a tavern, still trying to grasp how the election went awry.

Bob Welsh met Hillary Clinton at a rope line in Iowa and asked her to visit Wisconsin. But she didn’t come a single time during her campaign against Trump, and Welsh thinks that confirmed in

the minds of many that Democrats are disinterested in white working people.

Welsh wears flannel shirts and suspenders. He grew up on a farm, worked as a herdsman, and drove a school bus until he was 76 years old. He’s 78 now, and knows his neighbors as kind, hard-working people, and could barely believe they voted for a man he finds reprehensible. But the left-right, blue-red vitriol that has cleaved apart the country has not left the same scars here, where wives reported not knowing how their own husbands voted and husbands said they never asked their wives.

Welsh said he hopes Trump finds a way to keep his promise to build his friends better lives.

“If he does that then he’ll change my mind,” he said. “And I’ll be the first to admit it.”

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Bernard Moravits hosed the mud and cow dung off the boots pulled up over his jeans and headed for his truck, to drive to town to talk to a banker about keeping his farm afloat.

Moravits—everyone calls him Tinker—works on his farm outside of town at least 12 hours every day, and usu-

ally a lot longer. He diversified to minimize risk and has dairy and beef cows, and acre after acre of corn, beans, alfalfa.

“You don’t hit a home run that way, but you don’t get your ass kicked either,” he said. “But this year could be the ass-kicking year.”

The price of milk and agricultural goods has plummeted, and it’s hard to keep things running.

Change is what he looked to Obama for and now expects from Trump. He wants the president to reduce red tape and renegotiate trade deals to benefit American farmers. And he hopes people make more money and spend more money, which eventually trickles down to him.

“I think he’s a shrewd businessman,” he said. “He’s been broke several times. He keeps bouncing back, and he knows how big business works.”

He has several choice words for Trump’s move to build “his stupid wall.” Moravits employs Hispanic workers who have been with him 15 years. He built them apartments. He trusts them to do a dirty, difficult job that he says white people aren’t willing to do.

“A lot of people don’t treat them like people,” he grumbled.

Unlike many transfixed by Trump’s presidency, Moravits doesn’t stay up-to-the-minute on the news. In the morning, he checks the agriculture prices and the weather. As protests over Trump’s immigration ban raged for days, Moravits wasn’t paying attention.

“The play-by-play don’t mean bullshit,” he said. “It’s like watching the Super Bowl. What counts is how it ends.”

He took over this farm at 18 years old, when his father died of an aneurysm while milking cows. He said he plans to die here, too. He’ll retire when “they close the casket lid.”

But if nothing changes and changes soon he might have to borrow against his equity.

Moravits isn’t sure Trump is going to “Make America Great Again” for farmers. But he feels he had to take the gamble.

“He might have us in a war in two weeks,” he said. “We’ll come back here in six months, drink a 30-pack of Busch Light and talk, because no one knows now what’s gonna happen.”

He laughed, then shrugged and pantomimed rolling the dice.


**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**


**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP NO.: RFP17-BECQ/DCRM-080**

SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 27, 2017

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

“2017 CNMI RECREATIONAL MOORING BUOY PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT & MAINTENANCE FOR THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND COASTAL QUALITY, DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT”

THE SCOPE OF WORK AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER **JANUARY 27, 2017** FROM THE BECQ/DCRM OFFICE OR BY E-MAIL REQUEST TO erinderrington@becq.gov.mp. QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP CAN BE E-MAILED TO erinderrington@becq.gov.mp NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS **FEBRUARY 14, 2017**.

THE PROVISIONS OF CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A PROPOSAL IF IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. ALL PROPOSALS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ FRANK M. RABAILIMAN
ADMINISTRATOR OF BECQ

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S


**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation**


**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP 17- CHCC-13**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 24, 2017

TIME: 4:30PM

**MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING: FEBRUARY 8, 2017 TIME: 10:00AM
CHCC CONFERENCE ROOM #3**



**“FOR OUTPATIENT PHARMACY –
COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION”**

COPIES OF THE RFP PACKET MAY BE PICKED UP AT CHCC PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY DIVISION - MEDICAL SUPPLY STORAGE FACILITY LOWER BASE SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

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/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

/S/ JESUS D. BABALITA
ACTING CHCC DIRECTOR OF P&S


**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**


**INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB17-DCCA/DYS-079**

SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 27, 2017

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

“OFFICE SPACE RENTAL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES”

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE LESSOR MUST COMPLY WITH THE CNMI PUBLIC LAW 15-23, ARTICLES 5, SECTION 8652 (A) – (D).

THE PROVISIONS OF CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

THE COMMONWEALTH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS; IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A BID IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. ALL BIDS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ ROBERT H. HUNTER
SECRETARY OF DCCA

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

**BRIDGE CAPITAL, LLC
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
(01) BOOKKEEPER (Full-time)**

Summary
Update and maintain accounts payable and receivable, calculate profit and loss statements, prepare bank deposits, verify and balance receipts, handle payroll, prepare invoices and keep track of overdue accounts, monitor loans and payments, total, balance and reconcile billing vouchers and enter code transactions according to company accounting procedures.

Job Duties:

- Update and maintain accounts payable and receivable.
- Calculate profit and loss statements.
- Prepare bank deposits, verify and balance receipts.
- Process payroll.
- Prepare invoices and keep track of overdue accounts.
- Monitor loans and payments. Total, balance and reconcile billing vouchers and enter code transactions according to company accounting procedures.



Qualification Requirements:

- Bachelor degree in Accounting preferred. 3 years of experience preferred.
- Knowledge of QuickBooks required.
- Knowledge in Excel, MC Word, Power Point programs.
- Must have a minimum of three (3) years work experience in accounting.
- Must have thorough knowledge of QuickBooks Accounting System.
- Must work with minimal or no supervision.
- Must have own transportation to and from the workplace.

Scope

- Applicants will be primarily based in our Saipan head office
- Salary Range

Interested applicants must submit resume to our Bridge Capital office on Micro Beach Rd, Garapan, or email to tania.mesa@bccnmi.com.
Deadline to submit application will be Friday, February 24, 2017 at 4:00 pm. No phone calls please.


Commonwealth Utilities Corporation


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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (“CUC”) Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome.

AGENDA*

- Preliminary Matters
 - Call to Order
 - Roll Call
 - Adoption of Agenda
 - Correspondence
- Public Comments**
- New Business
 - Fox Lawson Salary Study
- Executive Session***
- Adjournment

* Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Agenda maybe modified during the meeting.
 ** Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.
 *** Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board of Directors may vote to meet in executive session at any time.


**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**


**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP NO.: RFP17-DCCA/CCDF-084**

SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 27, 2017

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

“INCREASING ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY CARE FOR INFANTS AND TODDLER’S, A PROJECT UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & CULTURAL AFFAIRS, CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND”

THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON AFTER **JANUARY 30, 2017** AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CHILD CARE DEVELOPEMNT FUND OFFICE BUILDING NO. 1347, ASCENCION DRIVE IN CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, AT **1:30 P.M., LOCAL TIME, FEBRUARY 14, 2017.**

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING AND ARE DUE NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, **FEBRUARY 17, 2017** AND MUST BE DIRECTED TO MS. MARIBEL S.D. LOSTE, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR VIA E-MAIL CCDF.MARIBELLOSTE@GMAIL.COM OR FAX TO (670) 664-2547. RESPONDS TO QUESTIONS SHALL BE SHARED WITH OTHER POTENTIAL PROPOSER(S).

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/S/ ROBERT H. HUNTER
SECRETARY OF DCCA

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

Off The Wall

Chicago aquarium euthanizes more than 90-year-old lungfish

CHICAGO (AP)—An Australian lungfish that entranced visitors to Chicago's Shedd Aquarium for more than 80 years has been euthanized due to old age, the popular tourist attraction announced Monday.

Granddad, who was 4-foot-long and weighed 25 pounds, had stopped eating and started showing signs of organ fail-

ure. He was euthanized on Sunday. A necropsy—or animal autopsy—found conditions consistent with old age, aquarium officials said.

“For a fish who spent much of his time imitating a fallen log, he sparked curiosity, excitement and wonder among guests of all ages who would hear his story,” said

Bridget C. Coughlin, Shedd Aquarium's president and chief executive officer.

Shedd estimates Granddad was more than 90 years old. The aquarium acquired him from the Sydney Aquarium in Australia during a 1933 collecting expedition and Granddad was one of two lungfish that attracted visitors during

that year's A Century of Progress International Exposition in Chicago. Aquarium officials estimate more than 104 million people saw Granddad over eight decades.

Rob Vernon, a spokesman for the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, said the nonprofit group is unaware of any older fish kept by a zoo or aquarium

that it accredits in the U.S. or eight other countries.

“Granddad lived a pretty relaxed life, enjoyed interactions with us, including gentle pats along his back, and loved to eat his leafy greens,” said Michelle Sattler, who was Granddad's caretaker for more than 30 years.

Lungfish can live up to

100 years and are a protected species in Australia. The species has existed for more than 380 million years and has not changed for 100 million years, according to the aquarium. Lungfish, as the name suggests, can breathe air. The fish was euthanized with an overdose quantity of anesthetic that was added to his tank.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Pats' owner Kraft has won 5 rings, but 1 belongs to Putin

HOUSTON (AP)—Of the five Super Bowl rings Robert Kraft has earned as owner of the New England Patriots, one of them has an unlikely owner: Russian President Vladimir Putin. Kraft took part in a recent NFL Network series of interviews about Super Bowl rings and retold a story about his ring from 2005's Super Bowl 39. He says he was on a business trip to Russia later that year when he showed the ring to Putin. Kraft says Putin put on the ring and didn't give it back. A Putin spokesman said in 2013 that the ring was a gift and the Russian leader would send Kraft a replacement if he wanted. The spokesman says Kraft's ring is on display at the Kremlin.

Pennsylvania fire company turns to 'naughty bingo' for cash

HOMETOWN, Pa. (AP)—A Pennsylvania volunteer fire company is turning to titillation to raise money. The Hometown Volunteer Fire Company in Schuylkill County is getting ready to host its second adults-only naughty bingo night. Winners don't get money, they get “adult toys.” The first event last year drew a standing-room crowd with people from several surrounding counties and even New Jersey. Hometown is a tiny village in Rush Township, about 70 miles northeast of Harrisburg. The next naughty bingo night is March 11. The fire company is selling 160 tickets at \$20 each. Firefighter Jason Messerschmidt says people tire of the same old fundraisers, which typically rely on the same people to spend money. This event is designed to raise money from a larger, more diverse crowd.

Sinkhole not worsened by Super Bowl fans' halftime flushing

FRASER, Mich. (AP)—Officials feel flushed with success after water conservation efforts prevented Super Bowl

fans from adding to problems associated with a suburban Detroit sinkhole. Macomb County public works chief Candice Miller warned Friday that thousands of football fans flushing toilets at halftime Sunday night could overwhelm a broken sewer line blamed for the sinkhole. But she told radio station WWJ everything went

OK on Sunday and that she believes efforts to conserve water in the affected communities “made the difference.” Crews are building a bypass to get around the broken sewer line in Fraser, but it's not ready yet. The line affects more than 300,000 people in 11 communities. The station says some people held back on flushing and some restaur-

rants used paper plates to curb dishwashing water use.

Oklahoma town cancels dance because of old city ordinance

HENRYETTA, Okla. (AP)—A small Oklahoma town is echoing the story line of '80s movie “Footloose” by canceling a Valentine's Day dance because of an arcane

city ordinance enforcing a strict moral code. KTUL-TV reports that the organizer canceled the dance in Henryetta because it would have taken place 300 feet from a church, in violation of an ordinance that forbids dancing within 500 feet of a place of worship. Mayor Jennifer Clason, who was born in Henryetta, says she

always knew about the old city ordinance but that it has never been enforced. Police Chief Steve Norman says his department has no interest in doing so. Clason says city councilors will consider abolishing the ordinance during their Feb. 22 meeting. The town of 6,500 is 90 miles east of Oklahoma City.

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

We, the family of,

† *Leticia Potoza Villacrusis*

Will forever be praising the Lord for providing us the comfort we need as our mother now rest in love and peace.

We humbly appreciate all your prayers and support through our grieving process. Words cannot fully express how grateful we are for your comfort and taking the time to join us during the rosaries and the Celebration of her new life through the Eucharistic mass in honor of our beloved mother. Your prayers, love, condolences, and support have helped us tremendously during this difficult time. As we continue our grieving process, we will keep you all in our prayers and gain strength from all that you have provided for us. God bless you.

Thank you so much again.

*From Bernardo Villacrusis,
his children, and all our families.*



Science & Technology

Fighting fake news isn't just up to Facebook and Google

NEW YORK (AP)—The fight against fake news is not just being waged by Google, Facebook and big media companies.

They are joined in the battle by academics and data scientists who started work on the subject years before bogus news stories were suspected of helping sway the 2016 presidential election.

Their work has yielded tools that help track how “alternative facts” spread, and

others that let you identify fake stories or block them altogether.

Some of these are still baby steps, but they're a key, if largely unsung, part of the effort to tamp down the spread of fake stories.

DECIPHERING TWITTER RUMORS

Tanushree Mitra, a doctoral student at the Georgia Institute of Technology, began a project three years ago to see how misinformation and fake news

spread through Twitter. At the time, she says, “companies like Facebook and Twitter were not paying much attention.”

What attracted her to the project was the prevalence of fake news that spread online following natural disasters such as Superstorm Sandy in 2012. When she saw that people were sharing a lot of incorrect or misleading information about the events, Mitra decided to track both big stories and smaller rumors with the goal of creat-

ing an app that could help ordinary people sort fact from fiction so they can make decisions that could be crucial to their wellbeing.

TRACKING HOAXES

A group of researchers at Indiana University have created an online tool called Hoaxy that seeks to visualize “the spread of claims and related fact checking online.” Although it's still a work in progress, Hoaxy can trace the origin of, for instance, the false claim that millions of

votes in the 2016 presidential election were cast by “illegal aliens.” Type in your search terms and Hoaxy will report back with stories that spread the claims, as well as fact-checking articles that debunked it.

In this instance, the claim goes back to a November article from Infowars.com that was shared 17,961 times on Twitter and 52,200 times on Facebook, according to Hoaxy. The site only tracks actual links people shared, so it misses anything that's paraphrased or posted without a link.

says it will tell you when you are visiting a site “known for spreading fake news.”

But there are a few drawbacks. Many people aren't willing to go to the trouble of adding new extensions to their browser. And such extensions only work on the desktop version of Chrome, not its mobile counterpart.

A final obstacle: While fake news has been in the real news a lot, many people simply aren't that aware of it.

EDUCATE THE PEOPLE

Chiagouris believes we are at the “beginning of the beginning” when it comes to defining just what fake news is and how to combat it. But he and other experts say technological solutions like apps and plug-ins are unlikely to get to the root of the problem.

The real solution, he says, will start in school: “not college, grammar school.”

LEAD A HORSE TO WATER

Tools like Hoaxy or rumor-identification apps are only helpful if people use them. The same goes for another approach—using a web browser plug-in to identify or block fake-news stories. For instance, the Chrome extension “Fake News Alert,” created last year,

TECH Q&A

'Internet of things' is vulnerable to hackers

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: I read about the hacker attack last October that used household electronics, such as security cameras, to bombard a website with messages, causing the site to crash. Is there any way that people can protect their electronic devices so that won't happen again?—Sue Frenzel, Minneapolis

A: Internet experts are still looking for a solution.

The October attack took advantage of a new way for hackers to launch attacks against websites: Without the knowledge of homeowners, the hackers took over about 100,000 internet-connected household electronic devices, such as digital video recorders (DVRs) and the digital cameras used in baby monitors and security cameras. Hackers used the gadgets to flood a website with information requests, causing the site to crash (a so-called “distributed denial of service” attack.)

In this case, the attack affected consumers because the website victim was New Hampshire-based Dyn, one of several internet companies that translate the “www” Web addresses that people type into their browsers into the numbers that are the real Web addresses. When the Dyn website was knocked offline, consumers in several parts of

the U.S. were prevented from reaching websites that Dyn served, including Amazon, Netflix and Twitter.

In the past, hackers launched distributed denial-of-service attacks by taking over poorly protected computers. Those attacks could have been prevented, at least in theory, if all computers were adequately protected by security software. But for devices in the internet of things, there is no security software. As a result, some internet-connected DVRs, cameras and home monitoring systems are easy pickings for hackers.

Here's the problem for consumers who own these internet-connected devices: Because the units weren't designed to have much security, they can't be upgraded to make them safer. Even changing a device's internet password won't make it safe, because hackers can still compromise it in other ways, such as by using techniques called “Telnet” and “SSH” (Secure Shell), that allow someone to log in to a computer from a remote location.

As a result, consumers will probably have to discard many of these early “internet of things” gadgets and replace them with new ones designed to meet higher internet security standards.

The security enhancements could make these home devices more expensive in the future.

In Loving Memory of

Bertha Lifoifoi Phillips

Born to Life: December 05, 1957 • Called to Eternal Rest: February 06, 2017

In her New Life she now joins her:

Parents: Alfonso Camacho Lifoifoi & Adela Selepeo Lifoifoi

Parents-in-Law: Richard & Edna Phillips

Sisters: Maria L. Napo & Ines L. Nogis

In-Laws: Amalia T. Lifoifoi, Jimmy Marquez, Estevan Nogis

Niece and Nephews: Josephine L. Tajibmai, Jimmy L. Marquez Jr., Wilben Herman Lieto

Her Memories will forever live on in the hearts of her:

Husband: James E. Phillips

Children and Grand Children:

Christina L. Phillips (Benigno James)

Angelina L. Phillips/Giovanni N. Mira (Kylee Bertha)

James Arthur L. Phillips (Yadier Alfonso & Yasiel Jose)

Raisse P. Ward and family

Emilie Stewart and family

Brothers/Sisters/In-laws:

Jose R. & Cecilia Lifoifoi and family

Rosalia L. Marquez and family

Donata L. & Herman Taitano and family

Victor S. & Julita Lifoifoi and family

Fermin S. & Rosita Lifoifoi and family

Guillermo (Bill) S. & Felicidad Lifoifoi and family

Fred Napo and Daughter

She will be missed by numerous nephews, nieces, god children, relatives and friends near and far.

Daily Mass intentions for the repose of her soul is being offered at Santa Remedios Church in Tanapag at 6pm followed by the recitation of the Holy Rosary at 7p.m. On Sunday, February 12, mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m.

On Tuesday, February 14, 2017 Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10am at the Nuestra Senora Bithen delos Remedios Church in Tanapag followed by interment services at the Tanapag Cemetary where she will be at peaceful rest.

Please join us in Prayers

Thank You, Si Yu'us Ma'ase & Olomwaay
From: James E. Phillips, Children and Family

Life & Style

Charity bearing Audrey Hepburn's name sues her eldest son

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Audrey Hepburn's eldest son was sued Wednesday by a charity he helped establish to continue his mother's support of children's welfare causes.

The Audrey Hepburn Children's Fund sued Sean Ferrer on Wednesday in Los Angeles Superior Court, alleging he has interfered with the charity's plans to exhibit several of the Oscar winner's high fashion dresses and other memorabilia. The exhibitions are the primary source of money for the charity, which supports children's centers in hospitals in Los Angeles and New Orleans and a facility in New Jersey.

Ferrer and his half-brother, Luca Dotti, established the fund after their mother's death along with their mother's longtime companion, Dutch actor Robert Wolders.

Dotti currently serves as the charity's chairman.

The siblings are embroiled in a separate court dispute over division of jewelry, property and other items their mother left to them after her death in January 1993. The lawsuit

contends that while only one brother has to give permission to display the items, Ferrer has threatened litigation over planned exhibits in Korea and China, and also restricted the charity's access to its website.

The lawsuit contends Ferrer's actions may force the charity to cease operations and could "irreparably damage the sterling reputation of the late Audrey Hepburn."

Emails a phone message left for Ferrer's attorney Wednesday were not returned.

Ferrer, who once ran the charity but stepped aside several years ago, has interfered with potential exhibitions of some of Hepburn's Givenchy dresses in China and Korea, the lawsuit states.

"The fund is seeking to continue to raise funds in the same way it has done for more than two decades," its attorney Steven E. Young wrote in an email Wednesday.

In 2013, the charity made \$30,000 in donations to children's hospitals in Los Angeles and New Orleans, according to the most recent

tax records available. The records show the foundation's revenues declined from \$290,000 the previous year to \$223,000 in 2013.

Wednesday's lawsuit comes 18 months after Ferrer sued Dotti seeking to divide up ownership of jewelry, property, a vintage movie poster collection and other memorabilia Hepburn left to her sons. Attorneys for both men reported to a judge in November that negotiations over the items had been productive, but no settlement or resolution has been announced.

Young said Wednesday's lawsuit and the dispute over other items that belonged to Hepburn are not connected.

Hepburn won an Academy Award in 1954 for "Roman Holiday" and was awarded the film academy's Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award in 1993. She died before that year's Oscars ceremony, so Ferrer accepted it in her honor and summarized his mother's commitment to helping children.

Painting stolen by Nazis returned to Jewish owner's heirs

NEW YORK (AP)—Some 80 years ago, the Nazis forced prominent German Jewish art gallery owner Max Stern to sell his family's roughly 400-piece collection before he was exiled from his country.

FBI agents on Wednesday returned one of those works, a 17th century oil painting by a Dutch master, to representatives of the Dr. and Mrs. Max Stern Foundation during a ceremony at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York.

The recovery of Jan Frans Verzijl's "Young Man As Bacchus" marks the 16th piece of Stern's collection that investigators have been able to return to the foundation since recovery efforts began in the late 1990s.

While the painting had "survived several generations of exile," it was seized by agents at a New York City art fair in 2015 after Italian gallery owners unaware of its past consigned it for sale, said Michael McGarrity, who heads the FBI's New York field office.

In 1936, the Nazis forced scores of Jews such as Stern to liquidate their assets, including art, at a fraction of their values because of their heritage, an act that U.S. courts have since ruled amounts to theft.

Recovering the art has been

a painstaking process, in no small part because the art world is notoriously secretive and many current art owners inherit pieces from older generations, sometimes unaware of their provenance, experts said. Laws recognizing the theft also vary among countries, and artwork sometimes doesn't emerge into public view for decades, they said.

The state's Department of Financial Services has a six-person Holocaust Claims Processing Office that tracks down art, insurance claims and bank accounts raided by the Nazis. Maria Vullo, the department's superintendent, said the latest painting's recovery "is but a small symbol of justice to those who suffered in the unspeakable horrors of the holocaust."

Stern was exiled in December 1937 and eventually made his way to Montreal, Canada, where he became a prominent art dealer.

Upon his death in 1987 he bequeathed his assets, including his ownership of recovered artwork, to the foundation and its three beneficiaries: Concordia University and McGill University in Canada and Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel.

First Year Death Anniversary

Agnes Andres Schrack

Born: January 21, 1952
Died: February 12, 2016

We, the family of our beloved †Agnes, would like to invite all our relatives and friends to join us as we commemorate the first year death anniversary of our dear wife/mother/grandmother unto eternal life.

Daily masses will be celebrated as follows at San Antonio Church:

February 4	Saturday	6PM
February 5	Sunday	9AM
February 6-11	Monday-Saturday	6PM
February 12	Sunday	9AM

On Saturday, February 11th, 2017, everyone is invited to join the family for a luncheon at the family residence.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase

The Family

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE David, Ming Yui Im

*Born to Life: October 30, 1938
and called to eternal life: February 7, 2017*

In his new life, David will be reunited with his:

Father: Hyung Yuek Im
Mother: Wan Ching Tong
Brother-in-Law: Hon Won Lo
Niece: Tai Chung Lo

And will forever be remembered in the hearts and lives of his:

Wife: Annie Im
Son: Darrick Im
Sister: Ming Chit Im
Nephew and Niece: Tai Chuen Lo, Lik San Lo, Shek San Lo

Brothers and Sisters-in-Law:

Cheng Chung Hing
Cheng Yiu Hing and family
Cheng Fat Hing and family
Cheng Wai Fong and family
Cheng Siu Fong

Funeral service will be held on
Tuesday, February 14, 2017
at Borja Funeral Home from 10:00am – 11:00am.
With his final resting place in Los Angeles, California.

Grammys to pay tribute to Prince, George Michael

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Sunday's Grammy Awards will include special tributes to pop music icons Prince and George Michael.

Organizers announced

Wednesday that the program will include two performances in honor of the stars who died last year. The announcement didn't say who would perform the tributes.

Previously announced per-

formers for this year's show include Adele, Alicia Keys, Lady Gaga, John Legend, Bruno Mars and Metallica. Gaga performed a medley of the late David Bowie's hits

during last year's show.

The "Late Late Show's" James Corden is hosting the Grammys, which will be broadcast on CBS on Sunday night from Los Angeles.

Stephen Sondheim to receive PEN 'literary service' award

NEW YORK (AP)—Stephen Sondheim's latest honor comes from literary and human rights organization PEN America.

The group announced Wednesday that the composer is this year's recipient of the

PEN/Allen Foundation Literary Service Award. Meryl Streep will present Sondheim with the award at the group's annual literary gala April 25 at the American Museum of Natural History.

Sondheim has written mu-

sic or lyrics or both for "West Side Story," "Sweeney Todd," "Into the Woods" and more.

PEN will also honor Macmillan CEO John Sargent for his advocacy of publishers' and authors' rights.

It's the second straight year

PEN has cited a publisher who confronted Amazon. In 2010, Amazon removed "Buy" buttons from Macmillan books, including works by Jonathan Franzen and Hilary Mantel, in a dispute over e-book prices.

Famed Hamptons home Grey Gardens for sale for \$19.95 million



In this May 15, 2009 photo, the "Grey Gardens" house is shown in East Hampton, N.Y. Grey Gardens, the Hamptons home once owned by eccentric relatives of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, is for sale.

EAST HAMPTON, N.Y. (AP)—Grey Gardens, the Hamptons home once owned by eccentric relatives of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, is for sale. It was featured in a documentary, HBO movie and Broadway musical.

Newsday (<http://nwsdy.li/2lpulqH>) reports it has been listed for \$19.95 million.

In a 1975 documentary, it was the rundown home of Onassis' aunt Edith Bouvier Beale and her cousin, Edith Beale. HBO made a 2009

Emmy-award winning movie about their story. Later it was the subject of a Broadway musical.

Longtime Washington Post editor Ben Bradlee and his journalist wife, Sally Quinn, bought the home in 1977.

Bradlee died in 2014. Quinn reportedly told a real estate agent the home didn't feel the same without him.

The three-story, shingle-style home was built in 1897. It features seven bedrooms and 6 1/2 bathrooms.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Tom Hiddleston: Taylor Swift is 'an amazing woman'

Actor Tom Hiddleston is opening up about his romance last summer with Taylor Swift. The "Avengers" and "Thor" star tells GQ for the magazine's March cover story that Swift is "an amazing woman" and says they "had the best time" as a couple. But he adds that a relationship in the limelight "always takes work." Hiddleston also explained why he was spotted wearing a tank top that read "I (heart) T.S." at Swift's Fourth of July party. He says he slipped while playing a game at the party and needed a shirt to protect a graze on his back. He says one of Swift's friends handed him the shirt and he wore it as a joke. Hiddleston stars in "Kong: Skull Island," which comes out next month.

Lady Gaga tells critics 'I'm proud of my body'

Lady Gaga has a message for critics of her body: "I'm proud of my body and you should be proud of yours too." Gaga responded on Instagram on Tuesday night to those who took shots at her physical appearance during Sunday's Super Bowl halftime show. She included a picture of herself in a bare midriff in her post. In the caption she writes: "I could give you a million reasons why you don't need to cater to anyone or anything to succeed. Be you, and be relentlessly you. That's the stuff of champions." Overall, Gaga won rave reviews for her high-energy show, which was watched by more than 117 million people.

Rapper DMX inspires homeless group in surprise visit

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Rapper DMX gave a group of Philadelphia men advice during a surprise appearance at a

homeless support group meeting. The Philadelphia Inquirer reports the rapper, whose given name is Earl Simmons, stopped by to speak to members of the nonprofit Ready, Willing & Able Philadelphia Wednesday night. RWA provides men with housing and full-time jobs to help combat homelessness and addiction. DMX reached out to Councilman Kenyatta Johnson Wednesday morning to arrange the visit. He's currently in town for Meek Mill's Friday concert at the Wells Fargo Center. The Yonkers native, who has battled drug addiction at various points in his life, reminded the men to keep faith in God and remain tenacious. DMX capped the meeting by playing pool and eating dinner with members of the organization.

Madonna faced sharp questions in Malawi adoption process

LILONGWE, Malawi (AP)—Madonna was asked "uncomfortable questions" by a judge in Malawi during the pop star's successful application to adopt more children from the southern African country, according to a court document obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press. Judge Fiona Mwale detailed her reasons for letting Madonna adopt the 4-year-old twin girls in a ruling on Tuesday, saying she was satisfied that Madonna "is motivated by her desire to offer a home, love, protection and guidance." Madonna, who has two other adopted children from Malawi, previously described reports of a new adoption process as false, saying she was in the country for charity work. But on Wednesday she said in an Instagram post that "I can officially confirm I have completed the process of adopting twin sisters from Malawi and am overjoyed that they are now part of our family."

Spreading the love makes Valentine's Day a delight

DEAR ABBY: I have never received a romantic Valentine, and that's OK with me. With all the sappy movies on TV and the stores blooming in pink and red, we often forget that St. Valentine wasn't the one in love. (He was a Roman priest who married Christian couples and was killed for his trouble.)

My advice to others, particularly singles, is to take a page out of St. Valentine's book and focus not on yourself, but on others. Every year on Feb. 14 I give everyone I encounter a kiddie Valentine, and every year at least one person is delighted. I have been doing this for the last 20 years and my St. Valentine's Days have been happy because of it. It's amazing the difference that focusing on giving rather than receiving can make. (And it works any day of the year.)

KID AT HEART

DEAR KID: I couldn't agree more with your positive philosophy. Reading your letter lifted my spirits, and I hope it will bring a smile to my readers as it did for me. Thank you for sharing.

DEAR ABBY: I am wondering about the proper way to handle something. I found a dentist I really like and plan to continue seeing for regular cleanings. I asked my dentist to complete an estimate for orthodontic work, and the cost was several

thousand dollars. I got a few more estimates and found another company that can do the same work and will charge a lot less.

I plan to go with the least expensive option. However, when I return to the dentist, I'm afraid it will be awkward or that I'll be perceived as rude for not accepting their service bid. Help!

WHAT'S RIGHT?

DEAR WHAT'S RIGHT?: Talk to the dentist you like and tell him/her you received other estimates for the orthodontic work. Then ask if he/she can match the lower estimate. You may find the dentist is willing to do that. But if not, the dentist will understand that your budget is what dictated your choice to use someone else. That's not rude; it is pennywise.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 57-year-old male, married to a nice enough lady, but I am no longer in love with her. We're more like roommates. It has been like this for 15 years.

I want to leave. In fact, I've planned it. But now I feel like, seven years away from retirement, maybe I could stick it out. The thing is, I don't want to. My kids/grandkids are in another state, and I'd like to move there. Should the promise I made to my wife on our wedding day hold me back?

TORN IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR TORN: I'm sorry the flame of love has fizzled on your part. Does your wife know how you feel? If she doesn't, you're both overdue for a serious talk.

Before tossing aside your long marriage, you should give marriage counseling a try to see if you can rediscover what attracted you to her in the first place. If that doesn't work, a move for you may be in order. But first, a warning: If you leave their mother, the "kids" may not be as glad to see you as you might assume they will be.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

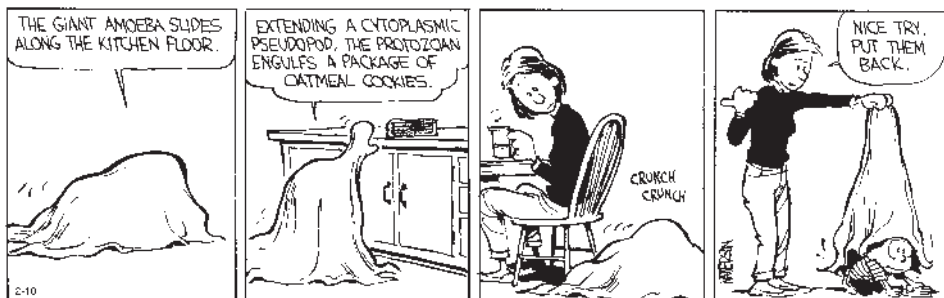
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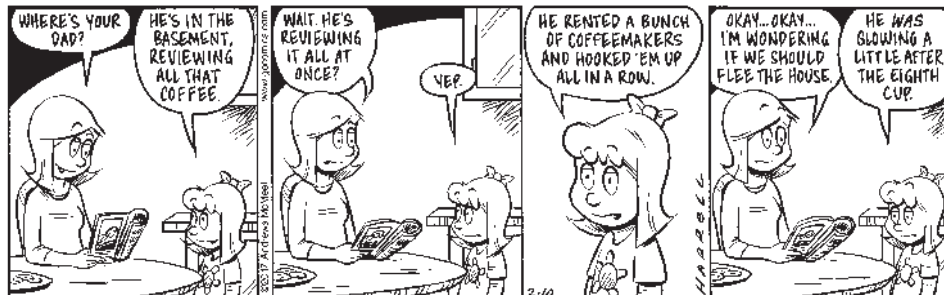


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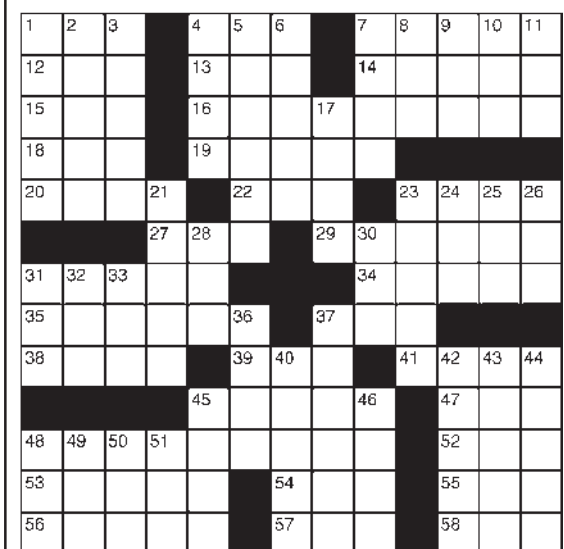
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Drenched
4 Light brown
7 Small songbirds
12 Dinner for Dobbin
13 Inseparable
14 "Stormy Weather" singer
15 Lena
16 AOL, for one
18 Service charge
19 Emulate Lincoln
20 Dieter's target
22 Carte
23 Garbage barge
27 "Nasty!"
29 1935 Astaire film
31 Cognizant
34 Chess pieces
35 Head honcho
- DOWN**
- 1 Slight odor
2 Painter's stand
3 Hyper personality
4 Dorothy's dog
5 Parka
6 Himalayan land
7 Sladder's cry
8 Sinbad's bird
9 Mess up
10 SSW
11 Collection
17 Sports figure?
21 Hitchcock villains
23 Said something
24 Comedian
25 Sturdy tree
26 Oz., lb., et al.
28 Biz bigwig
30 Hosp. areas
31 Pac. counterpart
32 Misery
33 Mimic
36 Highlander
37 Despot
40 Sasha's sister
42 Hard work
43 Worship
44 Famous necessity
45 Firetruck
46 Nest setting
48 Highland hat
49 Eggs
50 Stock holder
51 ER workers

Solution time: 25 mins.



Yesterday's answer 2-10



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Chloe Grace Moretz, 20; Emma Roberts, 26; Elizabeth Banks, 43; Laura Dern, 50.

Happy Birthday: Look for the inside scoop. Gathering information pertinent to what you want to accomplish this year will make your life easier and your success possible. Developing a plan and executing it with gusto will bring about positive alterations to the way you live and how you proceed. Settlements, investments and winnings are highlighted and within reach. Your numbers are 4, 10, 18, 21, 26, 35, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get involved in activities that stimulate you mentally, physically and emotionally. Idle time will be your downfall. Take the high road and explore energizing pastimes. Follow a structured routine and make romance a priority. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Protect your reputation and be careful when networking or mingling with people you have just met. Take care of business and be sure to meet all of your responsibilities. Don't give anyone a reason to put you down. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Changes at home will highlight your day. You'll feel a sense of accomplishment and a desire to show off what you have achieved. Host a party or make special plans with your kids or your partner. Opportunities will be within reach. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't interpret what's being asked of you as your cue to become responsible for everything

and everyone. Do your part, but don't try to take over. Keep your life simple and stress-free and you'll avoid being used and abused. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Love, intrigue and getting ahead are all within your reach. Play to win and don't back down. A partnership will offer benefits that will make your journey and the success you hope to achieve easier to acquire. Live in the moment. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll be unpredictable when it comes to legal, health or financial matters. When in doubt, take a step back and rethink your strategy. It's better to be safe than sorry. Look at the odds and avoid joint ventures. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Give and take. Call in favors and offer incentives and help in return. A partnership will prove to be a contributing factor for the success you wish to achieve. Love, romance and greater personal stability can all be yours. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Emotions will take over. Don't get into an argument with someone due to stubbornness. Take a back seat, be observant and do your best to work quietly on something that you will be proud to present. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Love, romance and family fun are all encouraged. Invest in something that will add greater convenience and comfort at home. A change will do you good and bring you closer to the ones you care about most. ★★★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A partnership will leave you feeling vulnerable. When in doubt, try to open up a dialogue that will help you confront issues before it's too late. Rely on what's happened in the past when faced with a similar situation. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can control any situation if you are outspoken and offer a path that is easy for others to follow. Putting more effort into the way you look and how you do things will bring about positive personal changes. ★★★

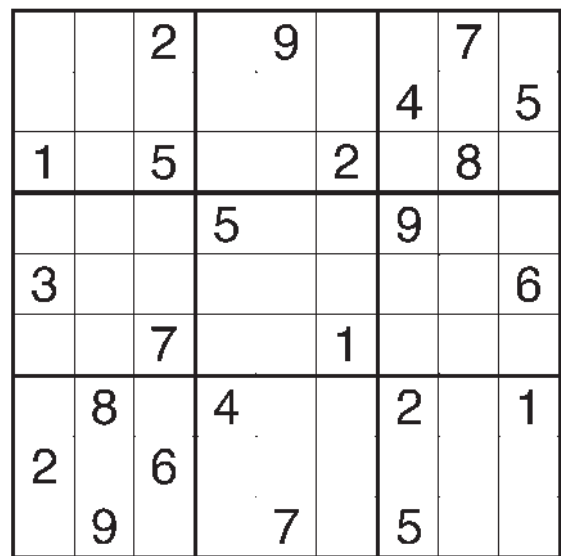
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stay in line and on course. It will be easy to get sidetracked by someone who is doing something out of the ordinary. Try to add your own unique touch to whatever job you are asked to do. ★★★

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

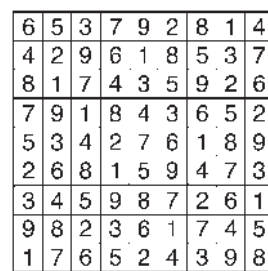


Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer



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Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience in aircraft exterior and interior cleaning. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the manager, performing interior cleaning of various aircraft to include cabins, lavatories and galleys. Knowledgeable in the use of different kinds of cleaning equipment, tools and materials. Must be able to obtain CNMI driver's license. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Lead Airport Service Agent (Passenger) (4)

Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience in passenger or customer service. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the supervisor, assisting passengers by answering inquiries regarding flight information/booking/reservations, checking-in out-bound passengers and luggage and assisting them in boarding flights, assisting in-bound passengers through immigration and customs. Must be computer-literate with excellent oral and written communication skills. Knowledgeable in FAA, ICAO, IATA, TSA, local airport and airline regulations. Must be able to lift 70 pounds and carry it for at least 100 yards. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Lead Customer Service Agent (Cargo) (1)

Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience as a cargo handler. Handles and accepts cargoes according to the IATA, FAA, TSA, local airport, airlines and company regulations. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the supervisor, preparing documents for out-going and transfer cargoes. Must be able to operate forklift and other cargo-handling equipment and be able to lift 70 pounds and carry it for at least 100 yards. Must be proficient in the use of CSP Cargo Trac System. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Lead Customer Service Agent (Ramp) (3)

Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience in ramp cargo loading and unloading operations. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the supervisor, operating equipment for loading and off-loading baggage/cargo to and from the aircraft for both commercial and freight aircraft. Ability to teach operation of specialized equipment for aircraft servicing and ramp operations. Must be able to lift 70 pounds and carry it for at least 100 yards. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Technical Operations Supervisor (1)

Requires: Diploma from technical / vocational course on automobile gas / diesel engines with minimum 4 years experience with a supervisory capacity in electrical, electronic, pneumatic, hydraulic system and gas / diesel engine maintenance. Plans work and supervises mechanics in performing mechanical and electrical repairs, welding repairs, corrosion treatment and painting on all GSE equipment and vehicles. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

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Requires: Associate's degree in related field. Five (5) years equivalent work experience. Specific airline certification as load planner. Sufficient mathematical skills to perform manual weight and balance calculations. Thorough knowledge in all areas of ramp, cargo and flight operations. Knowledgeable in FAA, ICAO, IATA, TSA, local airport and airline regulations. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

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Griffin leads Clippers past Knicks after Oakley ejection



NEW YORK (AP)—Blake Griffin scored a season-high 32 points as the Los Angeles Clippers beat New York 119-115 on Wednesday after former

Knicks star Charles Oakley was ejected from Madison Square Garden in the first quarter.

DeAndre Jordan added 28 points and 15 rebounds for the Clippers, who rallied from a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter to end a three-game losing streak.

Carmelo Anthony had 28 points and Kristaps Porzingis 27 on a night there was plenty of fight from the Knicks—especially Oakley. The rugged power forward was removed after an altercation with arena security near the seat of Madison Square Garden chairman James Dolan.

Anthony played well the day after Phil Jackson took another dig at him on Twitter by referencing an article that was critical of the forward. Coach Jeff Hornacek acknowledged it may have been a distraction but one he expected the Knicks to play through, and they had a chance to tie before Anthony missed a 3-pointer down 118-115.

Griffin then put it away with a free throw with 5.9 seconds left.

Heat 106, Bucks 88

In Milwaukee, Hassan Whiteside had 23 points and 16 rebounds, and the Miami Heat extended their winning streak to 12 games with a victory over the Milwaukee Bucks.

A lackluster night for the Bucks got worse with 6:34 left in the third quarter when Jabari Parker, part of the team's young core, left the game with a sprained left knee. Parker hurt the same knee two seasons ago.

James Johnson added 20 points for the Heat. All-Star forward Giannis Antetokounmpo led Milwaukee with 22 points and eight rebounds, while Parker finished with 14 points.

Cavaliers 132, Pacers 117

In Indianapolis, Kyle Korver scored a season-high 29 points and LeBron James gave the Cleveland Cavaliers a second-half energy boost, lifting the defending champs over the Indiana Pacers.

Cleveland has won the first three games on its four-game road trip and six of its last seven overall.

James had 25 points, six rebounds and nine assists and

Korver hit 8 of 9 3-pointers. Kyrie Irving had 29 points.

C.J. Miles scored 23 points to lead the Pacers, who ended a season-best seven-game winning streak. Jeff Teague had 22 points and 14 assists.

Kings 108, Celtics 92

In Sacramento, California, Darren Collison scored 25 points and the Sacramento Kings, playing without suspended All-Star center DeMarcus Cousins, snapped the Boston Celtics' seven-game winning streak.

The Kings played an inspired second half, outscoring the Celtics 59-43. Ben McLemore finished with 17 points, Matt Barnes had 14 points and 11 rebounds, and Willie Cauley-Stein also had 14 points. Anthony Tolliver finished with 11.

Isaiah Thomas had 26 points and seven assists for the Celtics in the opener of their four-game road trip. Amir Johnson had 14 points and Al Horford and Marcus Smart each had 10. Boston shot 5 of 15 and was outscored.

Cousins was serving an automatic one-game suspension without pay after he picked up two more technical fouls Monday against Chicago, giving him an NBA-worst 16.

Warriors 123, Bulls 92

In Oakland, California, Kevin Durant responded from his worst game since joining the Warriors with 22 points, 10 rebounds, seven assists and three steals, and Golden State beat the Chicago Bulls for a 138th straight regular-season game without consecutive defeats.

Klay Thompson scored 28 points with six 3-pointers playing on his 27th birthday, Stephen Curry added 13 points and six rebounds and the Warriors had all five starters score in double figures for the fourth time.

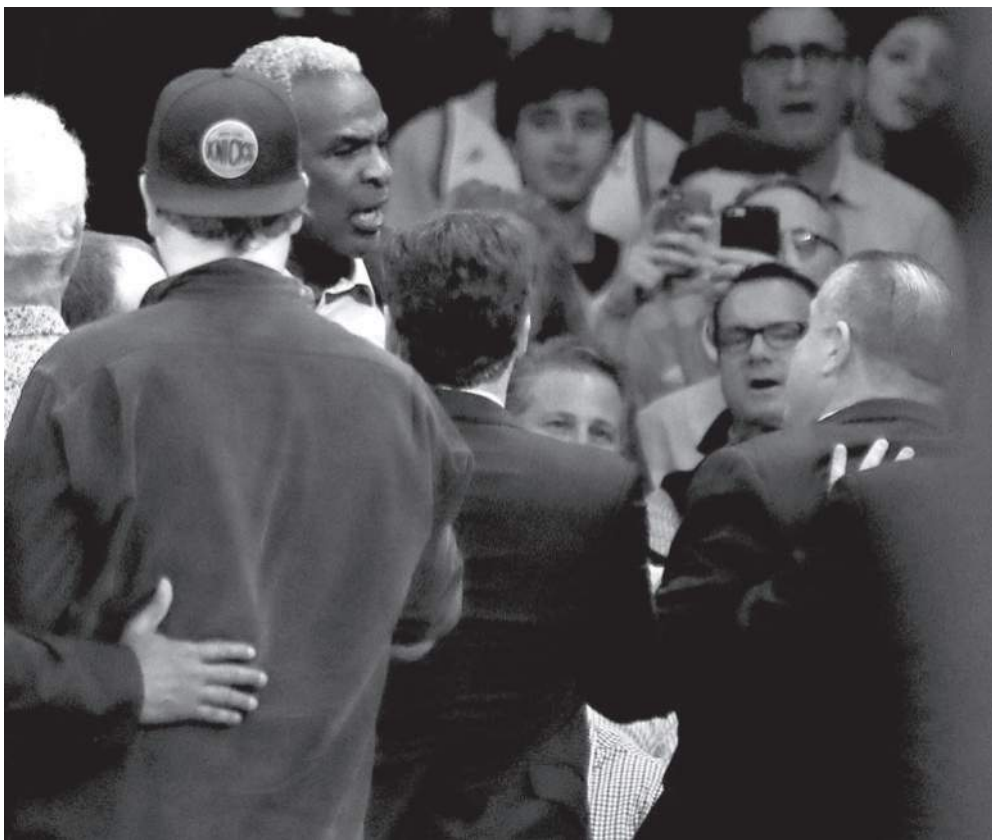
Golden State hasn't lost consecutive regular-season games since April 5 and 7, 2015, at San Antonio and New Orleans, during its championship season. This was the Warriors' eighth win following a loss this season and 17th in a row overall since those dates in '15.

Robin Lopez had 17 points, 10 rebounds and four assists for the undermanned Bulls.

Spurs 111, 76ers 103

In Philadelphia, Kawhi Leonard scored 32 points, Tony Parker added 18 and the San Antonio Spurs beat the Philadelphia 76ers.

Jahlil Okafor had 20 points and eight rebounds, and



Former New York Knicks player Charles Oakley exchanges words with a security guard during the first half of an NBA basketball game between the New York Knicks and the LA Clippers, Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017, in New York.

Dario Saric also scored 20 for Philadelphia, which has lost five straight games.

The Sixers were again without star center Joel Embiid. The rookie missed his sixth straight game because of a left knee contusion. Philadelphia is 13-18 with Embiid, 5-16 without him.

Wizards 114, nets 110, OT

In New York, Bradley Beale scored 31 points, John Wall added 23 points and 12 assists, and Otto Porter Jr. had 20 points and 10 rebounds as the Washington Wizards sent the Brooklyn Nets to their 11th straight loss.

Jason Smith scored 15 points and Marcin Gortat added 14 points and 14 rebounds for the Wizards, who won for the eighth time in their last nine games.

Bojan Bogdanovic led the Nets with 21 points. Brook Lopez, who finished with 20 points, fouled out with 1:20 left in regulation as Brooklyn dropped its 13th in a row at home.

Hawks 117, Nuggets 106

In Atlanta, Dennis Schroder

had 24 points and 10 assists and the Atlanta Hawks held off a late rally by Denver to beat the Nuggets.

The Hawks never trailed and scored a season-high 72 points in the first half. The Nuggets cut Atlanta's lead to 109-105 on a basket by Gary Harris with less than three minutes remaining.

Following a turnover by Atlanta's Kent Bazemore, Denver couldn't take advantage of the chance to pull closer. A three-point play by Paul Millsap, who had 23 points, pushed the lead back to seven points with 1:47 remaining. Schroder made two free throws for a 114-105 lead.

Wilson Chandler led Denver with 24 points.

Pistons 121, Lakers 102

In Auburn Hills, Michigan, Andre Drummond had 24 points and 17 rebounds, and the Detroit Pistons handed the Los Angeles Lakers one more loss at The Palace.

It was the final scheduled appearance at The Palace for the Lakers, since the Pistons are set to move downtown next season. Some of

Detroit's best memories in Auburn Hills came at the expense of Los Angeles. The Lakers went 0-5 in NBA Finals games at this arena as Detroit took titles at their expense in 1989 and 2004.

The Pistons led 56-50 at halftime and broke the game open in the third quarter. Detroit went on an 11-0 run to take an 82-61 lead.

Jon Leuer scored 20 points for the Pistons, who have won four of five. Tobias Harris added 19 points.

Julius Randle and Lou Williams scored 17 points apiece for the Lakers.

Grizzlies 110, Suns 91

In Memphis, Tennessee, Mike Conley scored 23 points, Marc Gasol added 19 and the Memphis Grizzlies took advantage of the Phoenix Suns' poor shooting.

Memphis held Phoenix to 33 percent shooting while six Grizzlies reached double figures. Memphis won its third straight and sixth in its last seven. Troy Daniels had 14 points for the Grizzlies, and JaMychal Green finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Devin Booker led the Suns

with 20 points and Eric Bledsoe and Brandon Knight each finished with 16 for Phoenix, which lost its eighth in the last nine.

Booker fouled Daniels as he made a 3-pointer with 1:10 left, and the pair exchanged words. It escalated into a skirmish between players on both teams. Six players received technical fouls and three players were ejected, including Daniels.

Timberwolves 112, Raptors 109

In Minneapolis, Andrew Wiggins scored 31 points against his hometown team, Tyus Jones hit a 3-pointer with 19.5 seconds left and the Minnesota Timberwolves beat the Toronto Raptors.

Karl-Anthony Towns had 29 points and 14 rebounds and Wiggins hit 11 of 19 shots to help the Timberwolves snap a four-game losing streak. Minnesota committed just eight turnovers, and Shabazz Muhammad scored 22 points off the bench.

DeMar DeRozan scored 30 points and DeMarre Carroll hit all five of his 3s and finished with 19 points and nine boards for the Raptors, who led by 13 points in the first half. Kyle Lowry added 20 points and Toronto shot 53 percent from the field, but Lowry missed a potential tying 3 at the buzzer.

Jazz 127, Pelicans 94

In New Orleans, Joe Johnson scored 27 points, George Hill added 19, and the Utah Jazz extended their winning streak to four games with a victory over the struggling New Orleans Pelicans.

Gordon Hayward scored 17 points in 26 minutes and got the whole fourth quarter off after Utah led by as many as 21 in the third quarter. The Jazz led for all but the first three minutes and were up by as many as 39 in the final period. Rudy Gobert had 10 points and 16 rebounds for Utah, which outrebounded New Orleans 48-37.

Terrence Jones scored 21 points and Jrue Holiday 15 for New Orleans, which has lost five of six.

Knicks' Phil Jackson takes dig at Carmelo Anthony in tweet

NEW YORK (AP)—Phil Jackson may be trying to trade Carmelo Anthony because he's given up trying to change him.

That seemed to be the conclusion Tuesday when the New York Knicks president of basketball operations broke his Twitter silence with another dig at the star forward.

In the tweet, Jackson re-

ferred to a column by Bleacher Report writer Kevin Ding that suggested Jackson is frustrated because Anthony doesn't have the same will to win as Michael Jordan and Kobe Bryant, two of Jackson's greatest players when he coached.

Jackson tweeted on Tuesday: "Bleacher's Ding almost rings the bell, but I learned

you don't change the spot on a leopard with Michael Graham in my CBA daze."

Jackson was referring to Michael Graham, a college star from Georgetown who never enjoyed much success in the pros. Jackson coached Graham with the Albany Patroons of the now-defunct Continental

Basketball Association.

Knicks coach Jeff Hornacek said there wasn't much talk about Jackson's tweet among players Wednesday during their morning workout before playing the Los Angeles Clippers. He said it could be a distraction for the team, but didn't think it was necessary to discuss it with Anthony.

Falcons shaking up defensive staff after Super Bowl collapse



FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga.

(AP)—After squandering a 25-point lead in the Super Bowl, the Atlanta Falcons are shaking up their defensive staff.

The team said Wednesday that coach Dan Quinn has dismissed coordinator Richard Smith and defensive line coach Bryan Cox, though there's a chance Smith could stay with the Falcons in an advisory role.

The changes mean the NFC champions will have two new coordinators next season. Kyle Shanahan left to become head coach of the San Francisco 49ers and was replaced as offensive coordinator by Steve Sarkisian.

Also, the Falcons promoted Keith Carter to running backs coach with Bobby Turner reportedly leaving to join Shanahan's staff in San Francisco. In addition, they will need a new quarterbacks coach; Matt LaFleur is expected to be named offensive coordinator of the Los Angeles Rams.

Smith will likely be replaced by a coach already on staff. The Falcons are considering defensive backs coach Marquand Manuel, linebackers coach Jeff Ulbrich and defensive passing game coordinator Jerome Henderson.

Manuel interviewed for the defensive coordinator post in Jacksonville last season.

The 61-year-old Smith served as defensive coordinator during Quinn's first two



In this Aug. 2, 2016, file photo, Atlanta Falcons defensive coordinator Richard Smith signals to his players during an NFL football practice in Flowery Branch, Ga. AP

seasons in Atlanta, after previously working as a linebackers coach in Denver. He has more than a quarter-century of NFL coaching experience.

Under Smith, the Falcons showed significant improvement over the second half of the season and two playoff victories with a unit that often

started as many four rookies and four second-year players.

But in the Super Bowl, Atlanta couldn't protect a 28-3 lead midway through the third quarter. Tom Brady and the New England Patriots scored 31 consecutive points for the greatest comeback in title game history, winning 34-28

in overtime.

The Patriots piled up 546 yards and a staggering 37 first downs while running more than twice as many plays as Atlanta, 93-46. Brady, the game's MVP, completed 43 of 62 passes for 466 yards and two TDs. In addition, New England made two straight

2-point conversions to force the first overtime game in Super Bowl history.

The 48-year-old Cox had been with the Falcons for three seasons, staying with the team as a holdover from Mike Smith's staff when Quinn took over in 2015. Cox played in the NFL for 12 years, earning

three trips to the Pro Bowl.

Carter spent the previous two seasons as Atlanta's assistant offensive line coach. Now, he will be in charge of a group that includes 1,000-yard rusher Devonta Coleman and backup Tevin Coleman, one of the league's most dynamic back-field pairs.

49ers officially hire Kyle Shanahan as new head coach

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP)—The San Francisco 49ers officially hired Atlanta offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan as their new head coach on Monday, more than a month after firing Chip Kelly after just one season.

The 49ers settled on Shanahan a couple weeks ago but had to wait until after the Falcons played in the Super Bowl to sign him to a contract. Shanahan will be formally introduced at a news conference later this week.

Shanahan is the son of two-time Super Bowl winning head coach Mike Shanahan, who also won a title as offensive coordinator in San Francisco in 1994. The younger Shanahan served as a ball boy then but now will be tasked along with new general manager John Lynch with rebuilding a team that just matched the worst record in franchise history with a 2-14 mark, leading to the dismissal of Kelly and general manager Trent Baalke.

"As a young man, I had the unique benefit of being



AP
In this Dec. 18, 2016, file photo, Atlanta Falcons offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan walks on the turf before the first half of an NFL football game between the Falcons and the San Francisco 49ers, in Atlanta.

exposed to the storied history of the San Francisco 49ers firsthand," Shanahan said in a statement. "From that exposure, I developed great respect for those who created a world-class, championship standard. As this team begins the task of re-establishing that standard, I could not ask for a better partner than John Lynch. He is a

man who certainly has personal knowledge of what championship organizations look like. John and I look forward to establishing a strong culture that will serve as our foundation for constructing this team."

Shanahan won the AP award as the top assistant coach in the NFL this season when he helped the Falcons post a league-high

33.8 points per game in the regular season and return to the Super Bowl for the second time in franchise history.

That ended in disappointment after Atlanta blew a 28-3 lead to New England and lost 34-28 in overtime. Shanahan came under criticism for his play-calling in the fourth quarter.

He called a deep drop back

on a third-and-1 that led to a sack and fumble that sparked the Patriots comeback and then with Atlanta in field-goal range to make it a two-possession game late, Shanahan again passed up on the opportunity to run, leading to a sack and a holding penalty.

Those were rare blots on an otherwise stellar season as a play-caller that led Lynch to call him the "catch" of the head coaching cycle. San Francisco was the last of six teams to hire a coach this offseason.

"As an offensive mind, I think he stands alone in the National Football League, as evidenced by the explosive and record-setting offense in Atlanta," Lynch said. "Though he grew up around coaching, what has most impressed me about Kyle is that he's become his own man in the profession. Our philosophies on football and our visions for leading the 49ers back to being a championship team align in every way. I am thrilled to have Kyle Shanahan on board."

The 37-year-old Shanahan

becomes the third youngest coach in franchise history. Jack Christiansen was 34 when he was hired in 1963 and Frankie Albert was 36 when he coached his first game in 1956.

Shanahan got his first NFL job as an offensive quality control coach in Tampa Bay in 2004. He also served as an offensive coordinator in Houston, Washington and Cleveland before arriving in Atlanta last season.

It was clear that Shanahan was the choice for the 49ers when he was the only candidate to get a second interview and the team hired Lynch as general manager after a recommendation from Shanahan.

"Throughout this process, we learned many things about Kyle that convinced us he is the perfect coach to lead this team," CEO Jed York said. "Over the years, he has proven to be one of the brightest minds in the game of football and his recent success speaks for itself. Kyle's leadership has brought the best out of his players at every phase of his career and we look forward to watching him build a talented staff to accomplish the same with our players."

Westco rallies past Mobil; Coca-Cola/Subway wins

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Westco pulled off a come-from-behind victory over Mobil/COAG, 68-62, in the second game in the JEM Company Ltd./Mobil Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Tuesday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Down by 17 at the break, 24-41, Westco overhauled the deficit in the third period after holding Mobil/COAG to 5 points. On offense, Raymond Tolentino and Dan Illahi teamed up in bringing Westco back into the game with the former scoring 11



points—9 of them came from downtown—and the latter adding 10 for the squad's 55-46 advantage. Mobil/COAG lost the double-digit lead in the penultimate quarter as it made only two field goals and a free throw. Jomar Manzano and Alvin Almario knocked

in the two baskets in Mobil/COAG's meltdown in the third period.

In the fourth canto, Westco continued to have the driver's seat with Tolentino's free throws in the homestretch ensuring the team's third win in four games in Pool B. Tolentino added 8 more points in the final period, including three

charities.

Meanwhile, in another Pool B pairing, Coca-Cola/Subway banked on Michael Cabanas' fourth-quarter explosion to beat D&Q/CTSI.

Cabanas fired 14 points in the final canto to lift his team to the 15-point winning margin. Coca-Cola/Subway started the fourth ahead by just

single digits, 53-45, before pulling away behind Cabanas' successive baskets. The Coca-Cola/Subway gunner scored the squad's last 9 points to give his team its fourth victory in five matches.

D&Q/CTSI fell to a 1-2 record.

First Game

Coca-Cola/Subway 77 – Cabanas 33, Armia 22, Francisco 11, Ilo 6, Iba 4, Fejeran 3.

D&Q/CTSI 62 – Tenepere 19, Raho 16, Jinang 11, Santos 8, Dela Torre 5, Benevente 4, Asaivao 2.

Scoring by quarters: 10-11, 28-25, 53-45, 77-62.

Second Game

Westco 68 – Tolentino 23, Illahi 15, Rejano 10, Cortez 8, Landicho 7, Gutierrez 5, Ejercito 2,

Mobil/COAG 62 – Torres 16, Sison 13, Almario 10, Muna 10, Agustin 6, Cisneros 2, Aguilar 2, Pelisamen 2, Manzano 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-19, 24-41, 55-46, 68-62.

Saipan Marathon receives IAAF-AIMS certification

To gain greater international recognition for the Saipan Marathon 2017 on March 25, the Marianas Visitors Authority has successfully applied for and received race certification with the International Association of Athletic Federations through the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races.

IAAF uses the measurement standards of AIMS, an association of over 400 race organizations in 100 countries and territories around the world. AIMS vice president and IAAF-AIMS Asia Pacific Course Measurement administrator Dave Cundy visited the Marianas on Feb. 2, 2017, to measure the 10K, half-marathon, full marathon, and 50K courses of Saipan Marathon 2017.

"Everything went smoothly during the measurement, and we are ecstatic about receiving Saipan Marathon certification just this morning," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "IAFF-AIMS certification opens a whole new world for us in terms of attracting more participants to our event here in The Marianas."

The measurement is a collaboration of the MVA and Northern Marianas Athletics. The MVA also recognized the Department of Public Safety for provided a safety escort along the roadway during the measurement, and Hyatt Regency Saipan for providing room accommodations.

The IAAF is recognized as the international govern-

ing body for all disciplines of Athletics, which includes road running.

"IAFF-AIMS certification is another example of how MVA Signature Events benefit both residents and visitors, alike," said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "With this certification, the Saipan Marathon now becomes a qualifying event for Boston Marathon and other popular races around the world. It's another great collaboration of the MVA and Northern Marianas Athletics."

As part of the measurement, minor adjustments were made to the course, and 5K markers were also identified.

Concepcion said the next step is for Saipan Marathon to apply as a full-fledged member of AIMS, which

will open new avenues of marketing the signature event via the organization's world-wide promotions.

Early marathon registration by Feb. 24, 2017, for U.S. and NMI participants is \$55 for the 50K and marathon and \$45 for half-marathon and 10K participants. The fee for high school and junior high school students is \$30 (student I.D. required). An additional late fee of \$10 will apply to registrations submitted after Feb. 24. The last day to register for the event will be on March 10, 2017, at 5pm. Registration will include the awards banquet, a finishers t-shirt, and a certificate of completion.

All competitors are required to pick up their race packets on March 24, 2017, at Paseo De Marianas, with-

out exception. The start will take place at the American Memorial Park at 4am for the 50K and the Marathon, at 5am for the half-marathon, and at 5:45am for the 10K. The cut-off time for the 50K and marathon will be 8:30am at the intersection of Beach Rd. and Chalan Pale Arnold Rd.

Entry forms are available at the MVA office located on Beach Rd. in San Jose or on the MVA official website Event Calendar at www.mymarianas.com. For more information contact Ed Diaz at the MVA at 664-3210 or through email at ediaz@mymarianas.com.

The MVA will also host the first Ironman Saipan 70.3 on March 11 and XTERRA Saipan Championship on March 18, 2017. (MVA)

NMIFA

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give each club a chance to raise their concerns as far as coaching is concerned," Mita said.

He also thanked the participating coaches for showing willingness to improve their skills and help more players get into the sport.

"They are asking to have more coaching clinics like this and we will work on that," Mita said.

Liz Phan of Kanoa Football Club was among the coaches who attended the weekend clinic and is look-

ing forward to more sessions with Mita and his staff.

"We've been lacking a good number of experienced coaches who actually know what soccer really is and let alone, can teach it to others. From experience, I think learning from coach Mita will give us a good foundation of the sport. Soccer is not only about kicking a ball as hard as you can to score the most goals; there's a lot of action that actually goes on before a goal is scored. It'll probably take a while before we get into that kind of stuff. Still, I believe coach Mita has a lot of experience and expertise to

offer our coaches in terms of allowing players to build necessary skills and techniques through the drills he shares," Phan said.

Tinian Premier Football Club president Arley Long, who joined the clinic with husband Phil, said through a message sent to NMIFA that the workshop provided them with useful information that they could share and teach to their young players. She is also hoping to encourage more parents to join TPFC's pool of coaches.

Meanwhile, the 2017 NMIFA Youth Spring League will kick off tomorrow at the

various school pitches on Saipan.

In the boys U17 division, MP United and Kanoa will play in the opener at 8:45am at the Hopwood Junior High School Field. At 10:30am, TanHoldings will have its season debut against Matansa. Paire drew a bye in Week 1 and will have its first game on Feb. 18 versus MP United.

In the boys U14, all six teams will see action in the opening day with the pairings as follows: Paire vs Kanoa; Matansa vs MP United; and Shirley's vs TanHoldings. All matches will take place

at the Koblerville pitch.

Over at the Francisco M. Sablan Middle School Field for the girls U15 games, six of the seven teams will have their season debuts. Paire will duel Kanoa, TanHoldings will take on MP United, and Matansa will collide against Shirley's. Southern United got a bye.

Back at the Hopwood pitch for the co-ed U12 competitive division, Kanoa 1 will meet TanHoldings, while Kanoa 2 will challenge MP United. The non-competitive U12, U10, and U8 games will also be played in Hopwood at different times.

FINALS

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that Rollers 1 could get, as the Ol'Aces 2 went on a 12-4 scoring surge in the next five minute and change to build its biggest lead in the game, 46-34.

Rollers 1 was stuck to 34 points for nearly three minutes before two straight and-1 plays from Dalton Dancoe and John Babauta ended the team's silence. However, Rollers 1 scored 6 consecutive points under the one-minute mark, leaving the squad with a little time to make one final push, while the Ol'Aces 2 countered with its own 6-0 spurt off N-Nes Siech's free throws and back-to-back layups from K.J.

Kabiriel to seal the win.

Meanwhile, in the women's division, IT&E played a balance offense to fend off CTSI's rallies and march into the finals opposite the unbeaten Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan tomorrow at 6pm.

Jan Travilla knocked in 8 of IT&E's last 14 points to frustrate CTSI. She went on to top-score for IT&E with her 14 markers. Travilla also got enough support from her teammates as three more IT&E players combined for 27 markers. Tawnie Manibusan chipped in 10, while Quina Flores and Guine Borja contributed 9 and 8, respectively.

Jeraldine Castillo had 20 points on a losing effort for

CTSI. Mikki Kautz added 8 and was the only other CTSI player to make more than two field goals in the semifinals.

In the Rollers 1-MHS semis duel, the former banked on their free throws to slip past the latter and arrange a championship showdown against the undefeated 670 Sonics tomorrow at 5pm.

Five of Rollers 1's last 7 markers came from the foul line with Jelbert Quitugua drilling four of them and Emmanuel Cobacha earning a split. Tengco scored the lone field goal in that windup to finish in double figures with his 10 points. A.J. Hudkins also had twin digits with his team-high 11 markers.

Rollers 1 had to rely on their free throw shooting in the homestretch as MHS worked its way back from a 26-17 halftime deficit behind the multiple baskets of Jedrael Manalo and Sunjoon Tenorio. Manalo ended up with a game-high 14 markers, while Tenorio registered 11, but their contributions were not enough to save MHS from elimination.

First Game

Rollers 1 47 – Hudkins 11, Tengco 10, Quitugua 9, Factor 6, Valencia 6, Cobacha 5.

MHS 42 – Manalo 14, Tenorio 11, Abejo 7, Sagum 3, Angelo 2, Reyes 2, Agustin 1.

Scoring by halves: 26-17, 47-42.

Second Game

IT&E 58 – Travilla 14, Manibusan 10, Flores 9, Borja 8, Reyes 5, G. Villagomez 3, Tam 2, J. Villagomez 2.

CTSI 46 – Castillo 20, Kautz 8, Espinosa 4, Wally 3, M. Alegre 3, Alferos 2, Camacho 2.

Scoring by halves: 28-25, 56-46.

Third Game

Ol'Aces 2 52 – Castro 10, Blake 9, Paragados 8, Siech 7, Kabiriel 6, Sablan 4, Castillo 4.

Rollers 1 40 – Alipio 9, Dancoe 9, Ogumoro 7, Factor 6, Babauta 5, Pangelinan 2, Abobo 2.

Scoring by halves: 25-17, 52-40.

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NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	33	19	.635	—
Toronto	32	22	.593	2
New York	22	32	.407	12
Philadelphia	18	34	.346	15
Brooklyn	9	44	.170	24½

Southeast Division

Washington	31	21	.596	—
Atlanta	31	22	.585	½
Charlotte	24	28	.462	7
Miami	23	30	.434	8½
Orlando	20	34	.370	12

Central Division

Cleveland	36	15	.706	—
Indiana	29	23	.558	7½
Chicago	26	27	.491	11
Detroit	25	28	.472	12
Milwaukee	22	29	.431	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE Southwest Division

San Antonio	40	12	.769	—
Houston	38	17	.691	3½
Memphis	33	22	.600	8½
Dallas	20	32	.385	20
New Orleans	20	33	.377	20½

Northwest Division

Utah	34	19	.642	—
Oklahoma City	30	23	.566	4
Denver	23	29	.442	10½
Portland	23	30	.434	11
Minnesota	20	33	.377	14

Pacific Division

Golden State	44	8	.846	—
L.A. Clippers	32	21	.604	12½
Sacramento	21	32	.396	23½
L.A. Lakers	18	37	.327	27½
Phoenix	16	37	.302	28½

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2017 SSC Meek and Mighty Ocean Swim

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R.J. Pierce, left, and Jinju Thompson run to the shore during last Saturday's 2017 SSC Meek and Mighty Ocean Swim held in the waters off the Pacific Islands Club.



Christian Villacrusis heads to the shore.



David Boyer gets up to finish the three-loop race.



Taiga Sato tries to catch up with other swimmers on the way to the finish line.



Carol Lynn Pierce walks out of the water.



Lennosuke Suzuki gets out of the water to complete the three-loop race.



Dolphin Club Saipan's Emma Perez cheers on a swimmer before heading to shore.



John Moreno takes his time coming out of the water.



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Carol Lee, seen here making a baseline return during an ITF Juniors tournament on Saipan last year, is now ranked No. 341 in the world.

Carol rises up in world rankings anew

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The CNMI's Carol Lee continued to climb the ITF Juniors world rankings as she moved 28 notches higher after points from her last two tournaments in New Zealand were counted.

From being ranked at No. 369 after competing in the Wilson Tennis Canterbury ITF in Christchurch, the Commonwealth player is now at No. 341 (as of Feb. 6) following her participation in the 2017 Tecnifibre Tennis Central Championships in Wellington and NZ ITF Summer Championships 2017 in Auckland.

Lee gained 20 ranking points from her semifinals appearance in the singles event of the Grade 4 tournament in Wellington and another 20 for marching into the quarterfinals of the singles competition in the Grade 3 contest in Auckland. The 15-year-old now has 120 singles ranking points and 65 in doubles for a combined 136.25 ranking points. She added 15 markers to her doubles tally after making it into the semifinals in the Wilson Tennis Canterbury ITF—a Grade 4 event.

Lee, in a message sent to *Saipan Tribune* early this week, said the results of her games in the three ITF Juniors tournaments in Australia were pretty good.

"I believe that both my quarterfinal and semifinal singles appearances in the singles event were pretty good results for the beginning of the

year," Lee said, whose is now in Fiji, training in the ITF/OTF Pacific Oceania Regional Training Center in Lautoka.

"I hope to reach the Top 300 by the end of the year," she added.

The CNMI player's chances



to make it to the Top 300 is strong as she is scheduled to compete in ranking tournaments on Saipan and Guam this summer. She will also have a couple of events in Fiji. Lee's

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NMIFA plans more coaching clinics, kicks off spring season

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Northern Mariana Islands Football Association conducted a coaching clinic last Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field in time for tomorrow's opening of the 2017 NMIFA Youth Spring League.



NMIFA technical director Michiteru Mita explains a point to participants of a coaching clinic held last Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

NMIFA's new technical director Michiteru Mita, along with the association's coaching staff members Jerishwin Angeles and Jonathan Takano, divided the clinic into two sessions with the first one for coaches handling teams in the non-competitive division (U12,



U10, U8, and U6) and the second for those in charge of squads playing in the competitive age groups (U12 A, boys U14, girls U14, and boys U17).

"The two divisions require different training drills and techniques so we have to split the group," said Mita.

"For the first group, the objective of training drills is not only to teach the basics of soccer, but also to make the kids enjoy the game," the NMIFA technical director added. "For the second session, we worked more on skills development using the different drills and coaching techniques."

After the clinic, Mita said he and his staff will check on the development of coaches from the various clubs.

"We will sit down with them, have discussions, and analyze their improvement. We want to

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Finals cast complete in Holiday Hoops



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The Ol'Aces 2, IT&E, and Rollers 1 eliminated their respective opponents to barge into the finals of the 2016 TanHoldings Christmas Basketball Tournament last Wednesday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

In the boys U25 division, the Ol'Aces 2 ousted Rollers 1 following a 52-40 victory. IT&E also earned a double-digit win over CTSI, 58-46, to notch a finals berth in the women's division, while Rollers 1 took the last seat to the championship game in the boys U16 age group after outclassing MHS, 47-42.

The Ol'Aces 2 withstood Rollers 1's repeated comeback bids and had a strong finish to set up a title duel against Vibes this Saturday at 7pm.

Rollers 1, which was behind by 8 at the break, 25-17, moved within 4, 30-34, after a triple from Jun Alipio with a little over seven minutes left on the clock. However, that was the closest

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The Ol'Aces 2's Jeff Castro drives against Rollers 1's Angelo Factor, left, and Dalton Dancoe during the second half of their semis game in the boys U25 division of the TanHoldings holiday caging last Wednesday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.